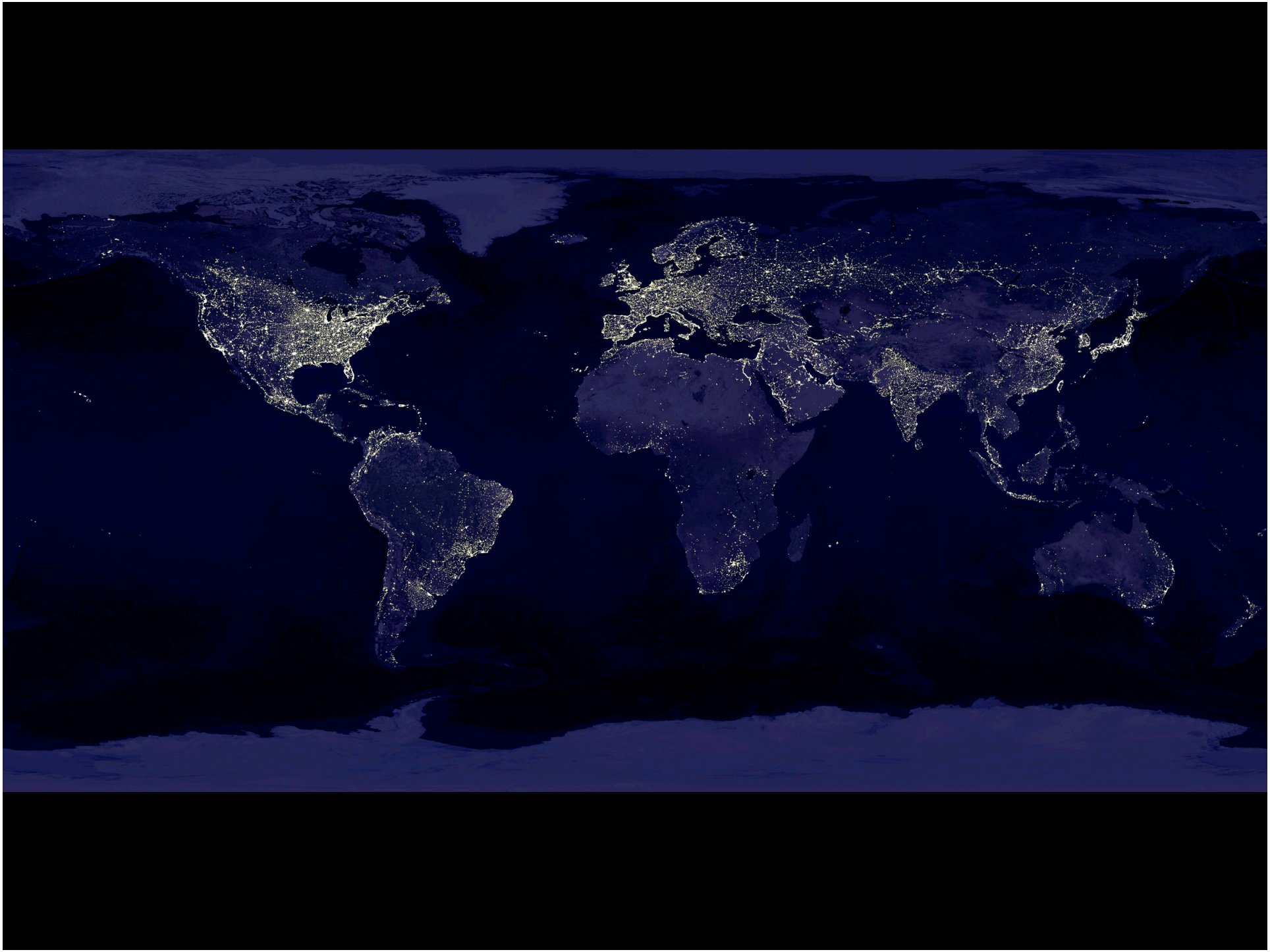
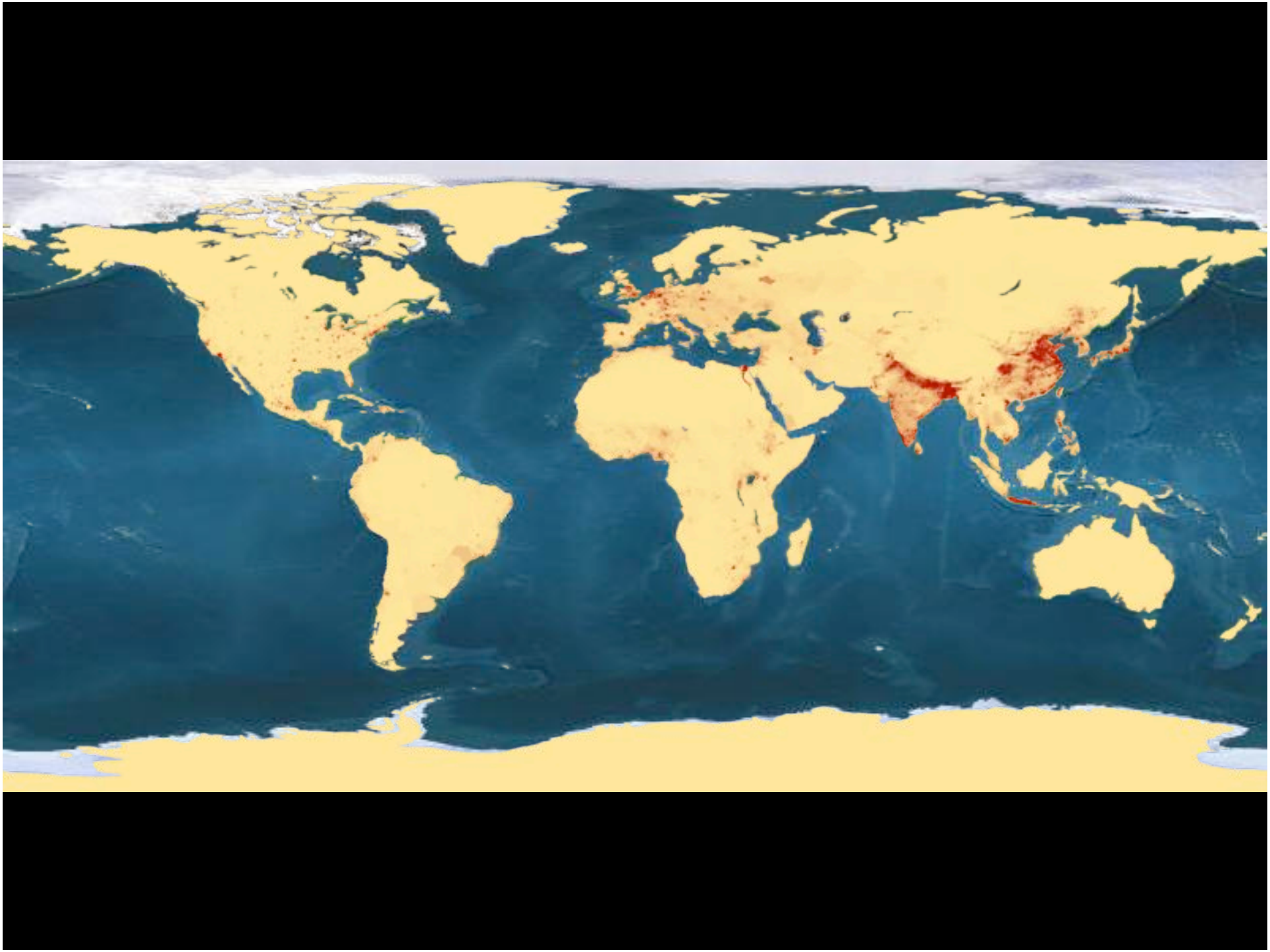

Sustainability?
Population
Affluence
Species
Technology





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Population (Billions)
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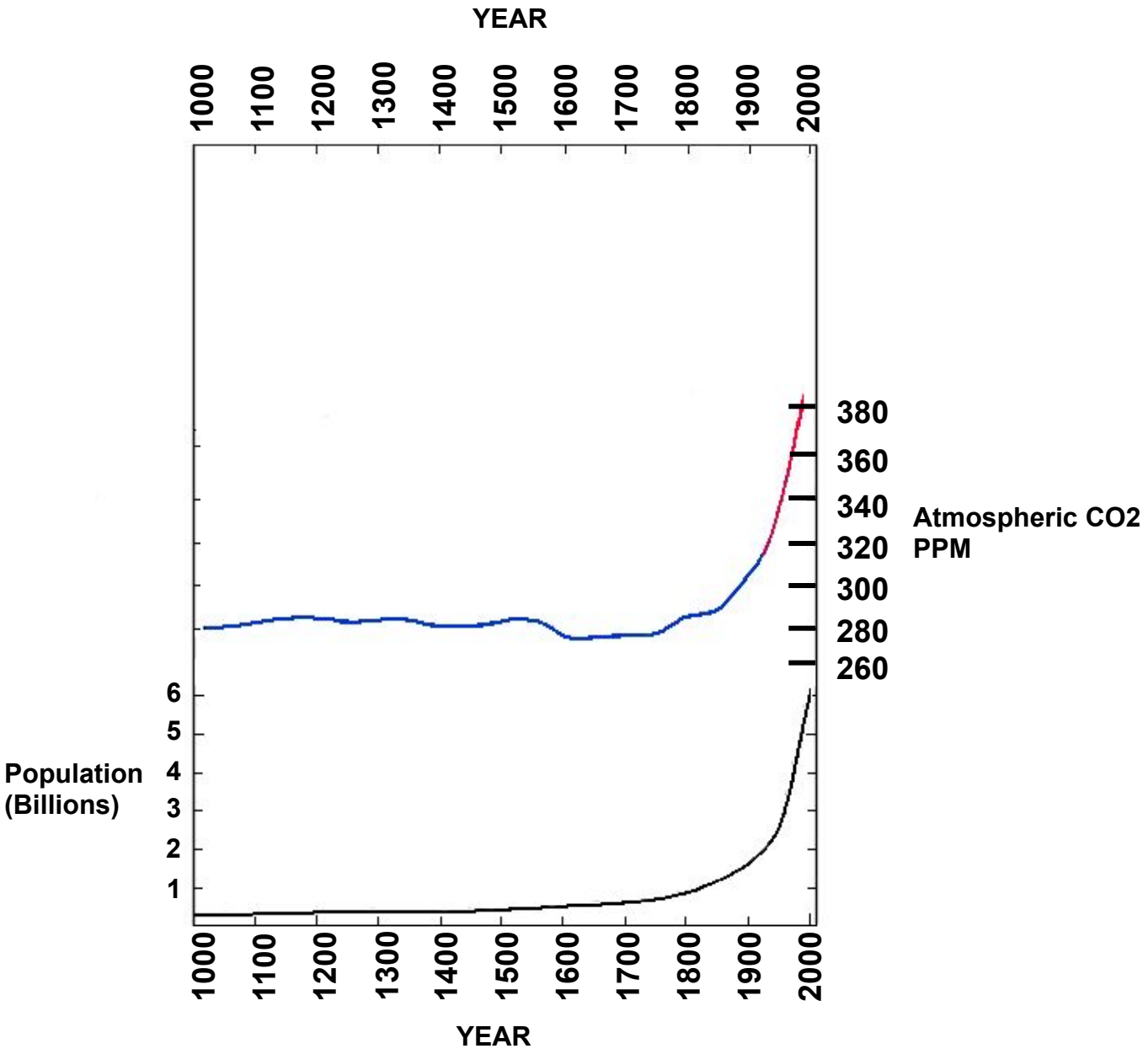
Vikings
Genghis Khan
Black plague
Ming dynasty
Columbus
Galileo
Newton
Steam engine
Wright Brothers
Electricity
Radio, movies, TV
Atomic bomb
Armstrong on Moon
Computers
Internet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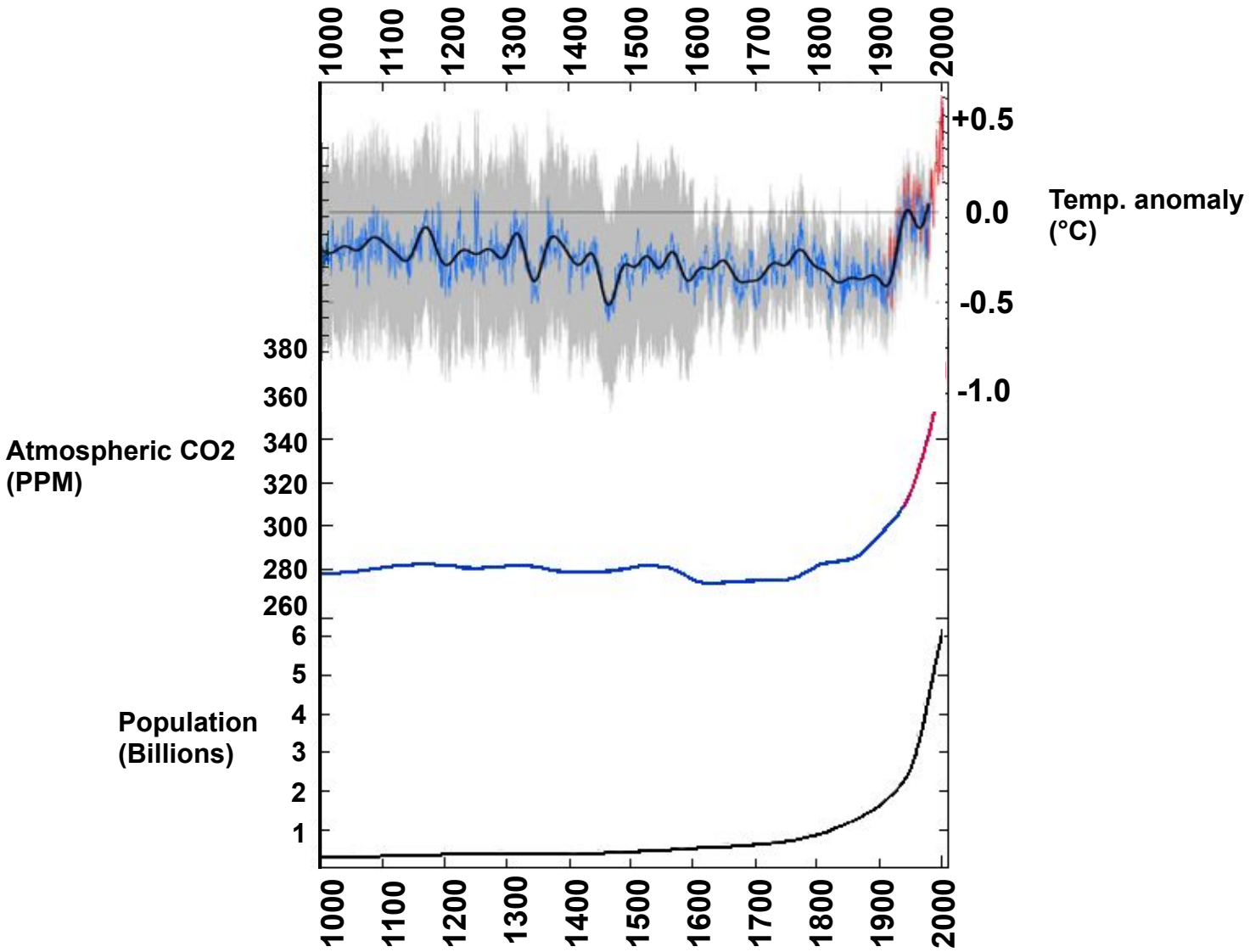
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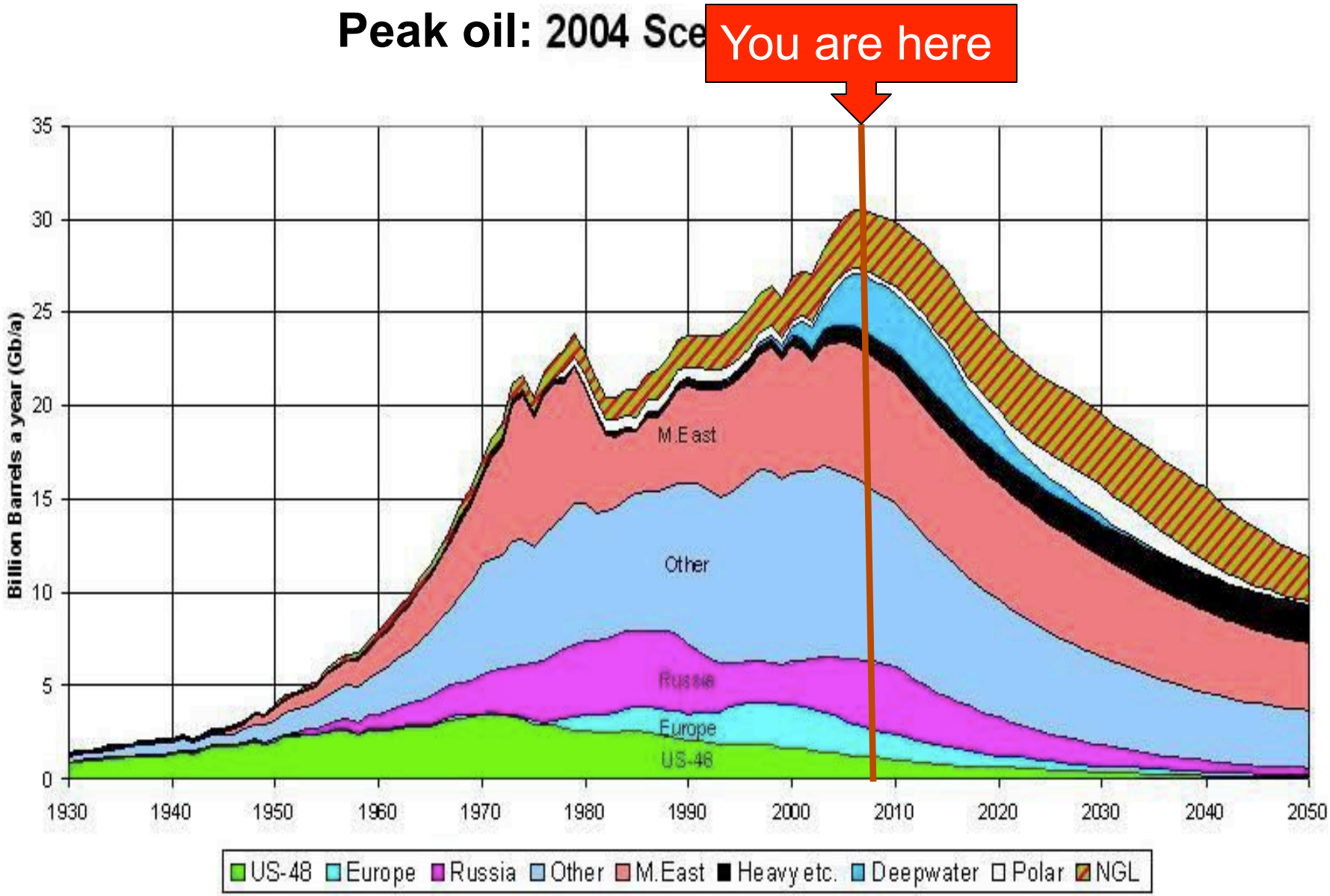
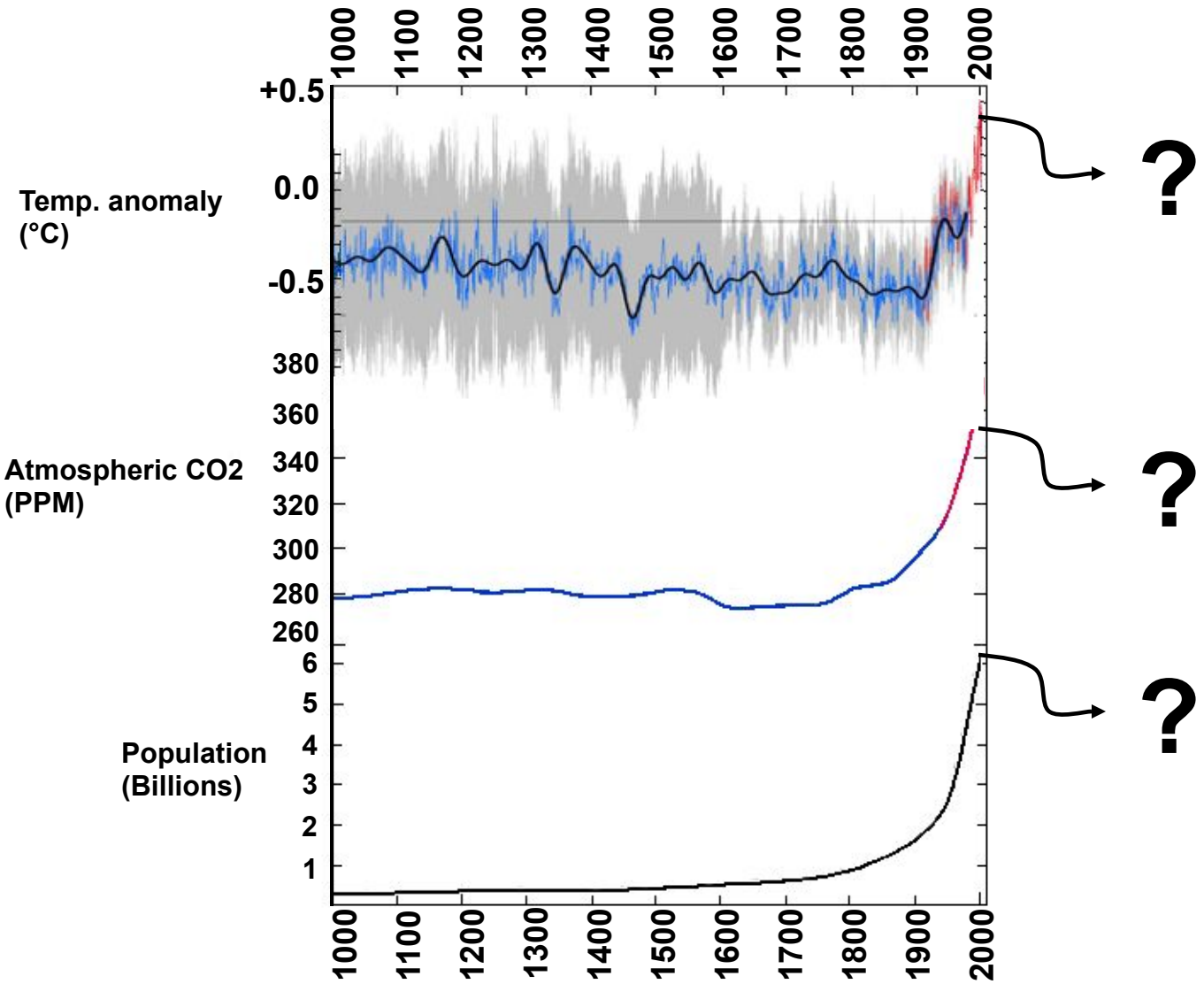
Peak oil: 2004 Sce





What happens next?


Sustainability?
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Our Future?

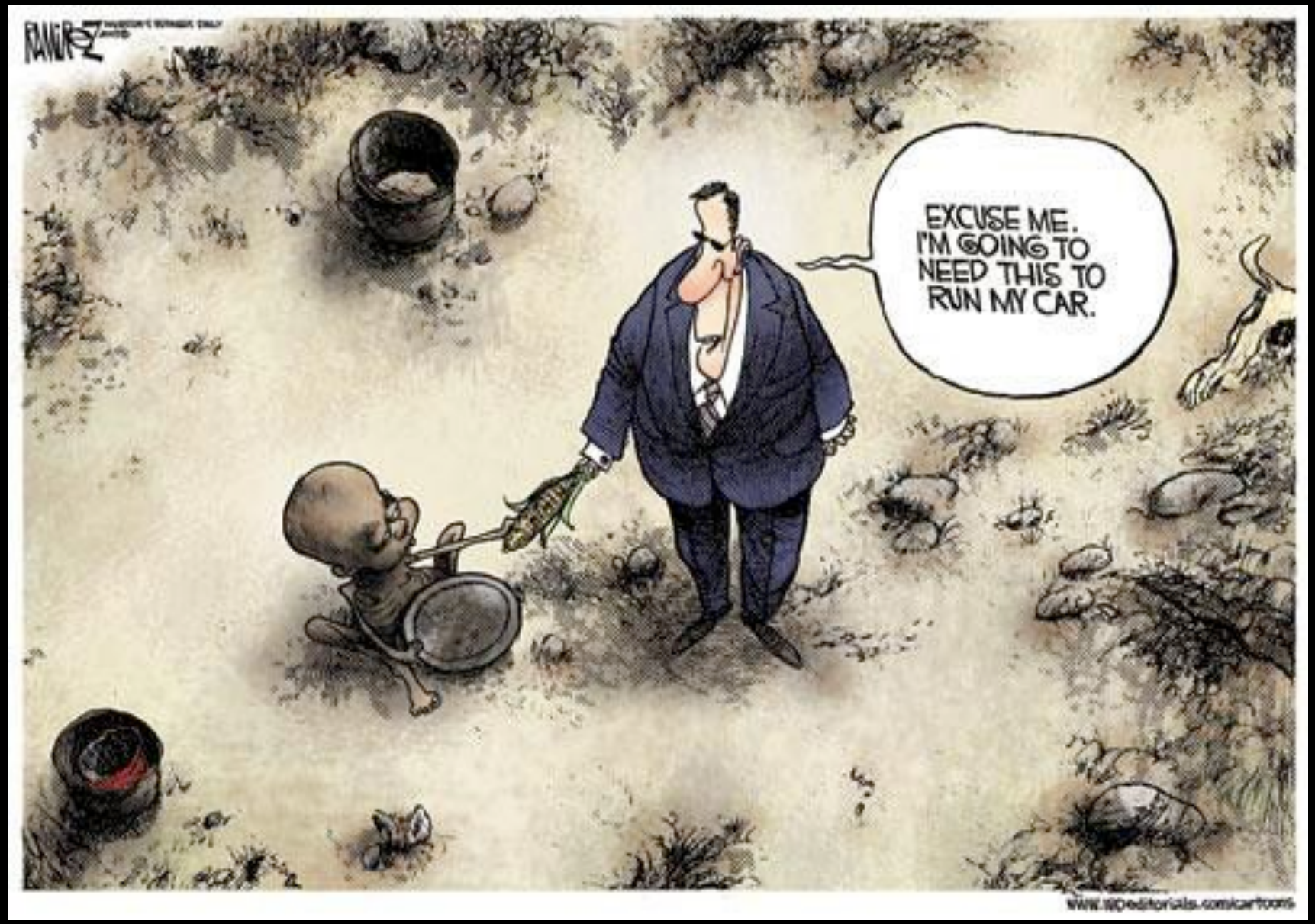
Title: Beyond Biofuels

Not use agricultural land

Not use freshwater

Feasible, affordable, scalable, sustainable…

NOW!


RAMIREZ
EXCUSE ME. I'M GOING TO NEED THIS TO RUN MY CAR.
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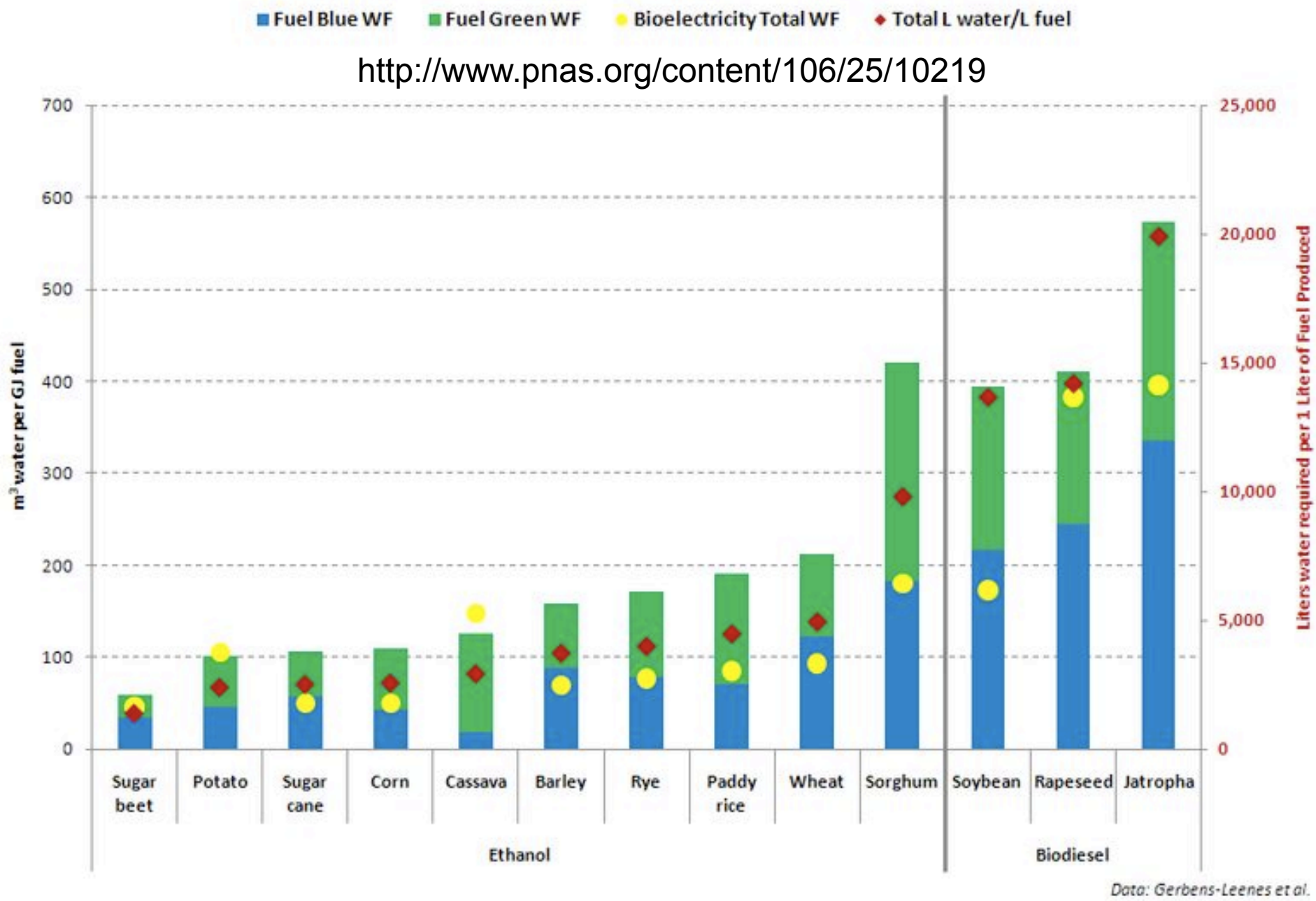
How **green** are biofuels?

Product	
GHG output*	
Water	
Fertilizer	
Pesticide	
Energy	
US crop land/ half demand	

*CO_2 kg/MJ: Growing, harvesting, refining, burning fuel (cf., gas=94)

Total Weighted-Global Average Water Footprint for Bioenergy



http://www.pnas.org/content/106/25/10219

The problem with biodiesel…

Product	
GHG output*	
Water	
Fertilizer	
Pesticide	
Energy	
US crop land/ half demand	

*CO_2 kg/MJ: Growing, harvesting, refining, burning fuel (cf., Diesel=83)

Biodiesel crops and production:

Plant	**Gal/acre-yr**
Soybeans	50
Sunflower	100
Canola	160
Jatropha	200?
Palm Oil	600

from: Benemann 2007. Algae Biomass Summit

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Microalgae	2,000 to ?

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CANADA
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OREGON
CALIFORNIA
NEVADA
IDAHO
MONTANA
WYOMING
UTAH
ARIZONA
COLORADO
NEW MEXICO
NORTH DAKOTA
SOUTH DAKOTA
NEBRASKA
KANSAS
OKLAHOMA
TEXAS
MINNESOTA
IOWA
MISSOURI
ARKANSAS
LOUISIANA
WISCONSIN
ILLINOIS
MICHIGAN
INDIANA
OHIO
KENTUCKY
TENNESSEE
MISSISSIPPI
ALABAMA
GEORGIA
FLORIDA
SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH CAROLINA
VIRGINIA
PENNSYLVANIA
NEW YORK
MAINE
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ARCTIC OCEAN
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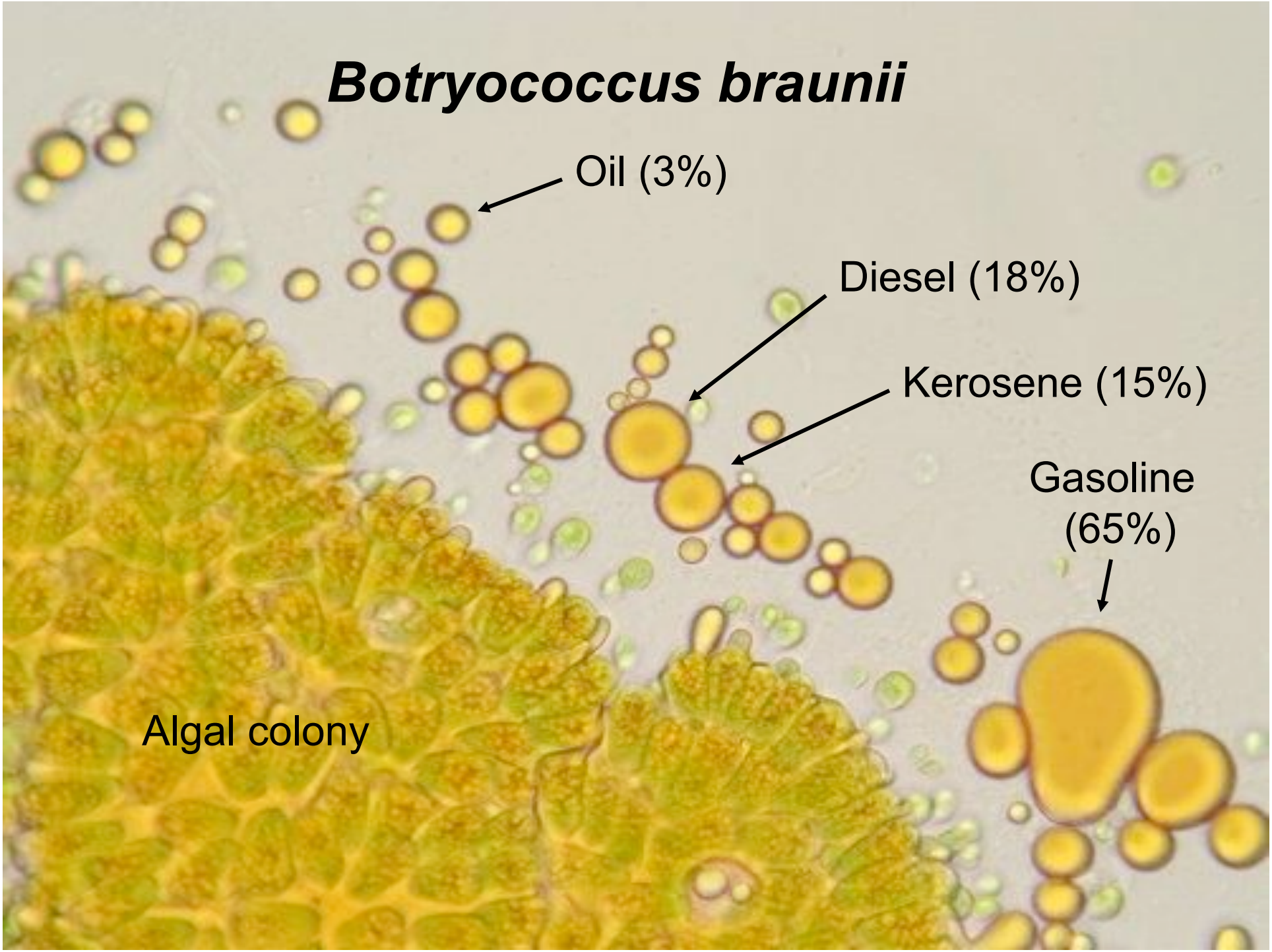
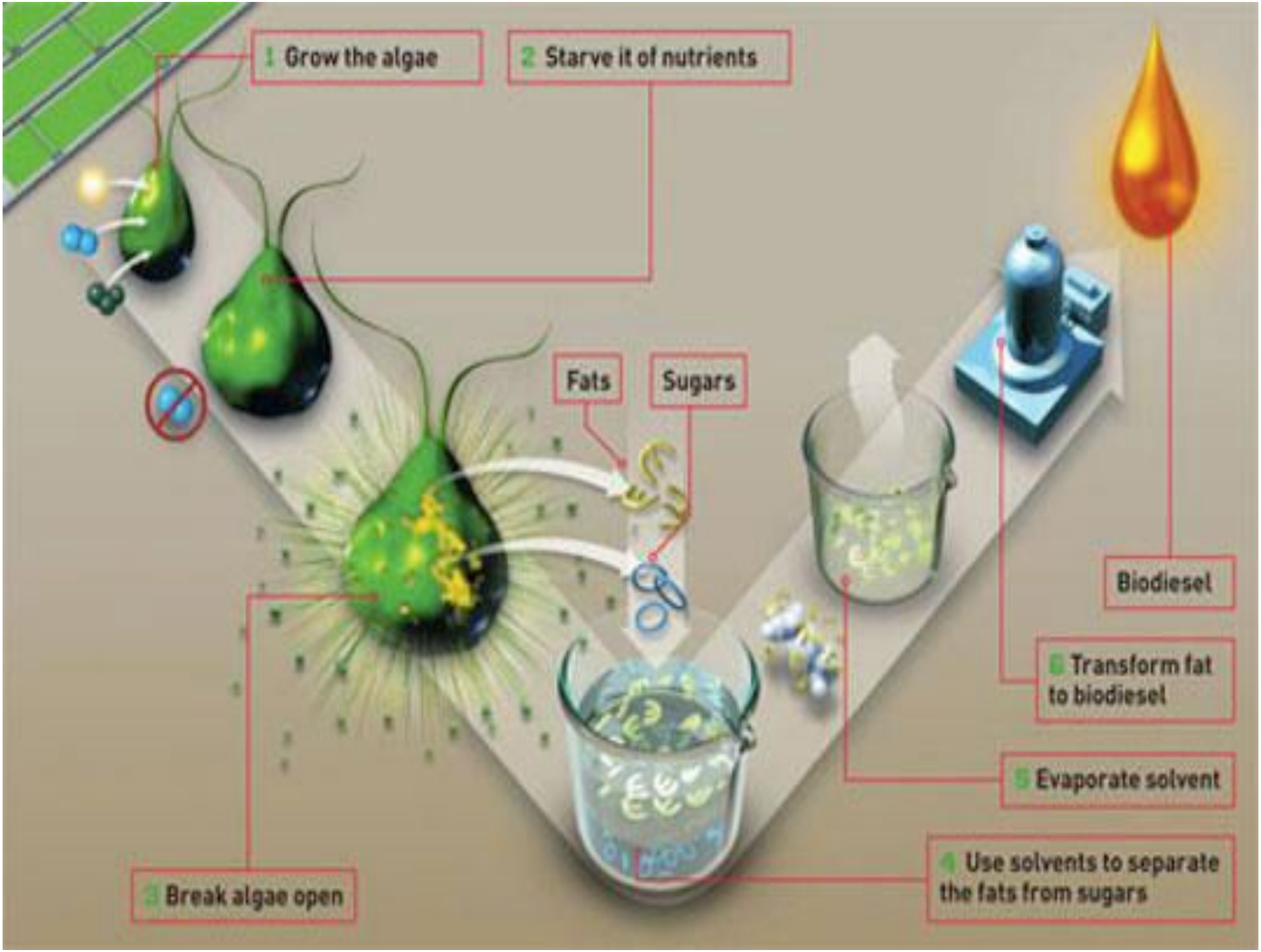

Botryococcus braunii
Oil (3%)
Diesel (18%)
Kerosene (15%)
Gasoline (65%)
Algal colony


1 Grow the algae
2 Starve it of nutrients
Fats
Sugars
3 Break algae open
4 Use solvents to separate the fats from sugars
5 Evaporate solvent
6 Transform fat to biodiesel
Biodiesel

ALGAE:

Remove CO_2 from atmosphere

Remove nutrients from municipal wastewater…

(Remediate “dead zones”)

Produce fertilizer, food, cosmetics, medicine…

AND OIL (carbon-neutral biofuel, plastics, etc)

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Plant	**Gal/acre-yr**	**Barrels/yr**
Soybeans	50	>10,000,000
Sunflower	100	> 1,000,000
Canola	160	>10,000,000
Jatropha	200?	some, not much
Palm Oil	600	>10,000,000
Microalgae	2,000 to ?	~0.1

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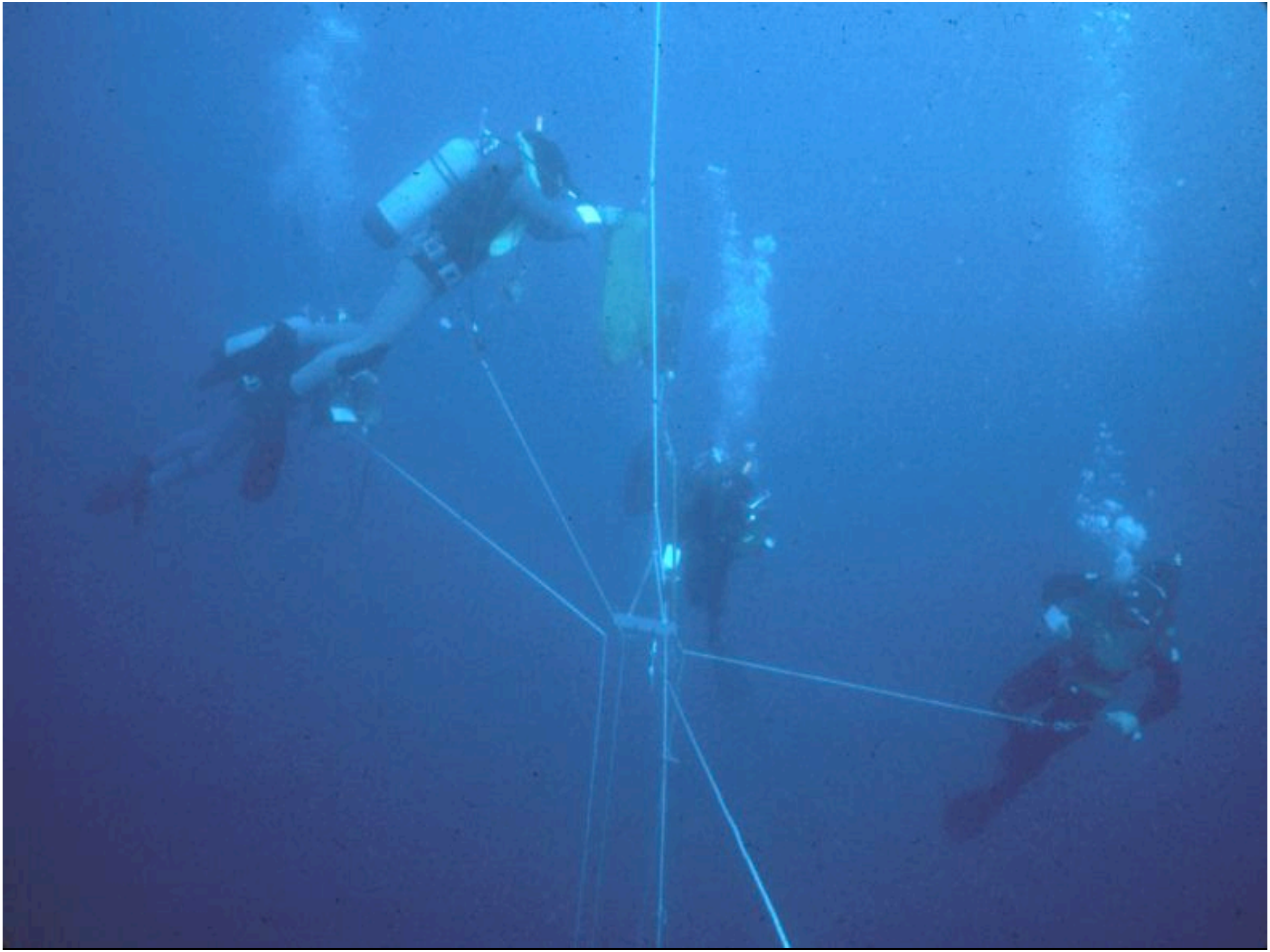
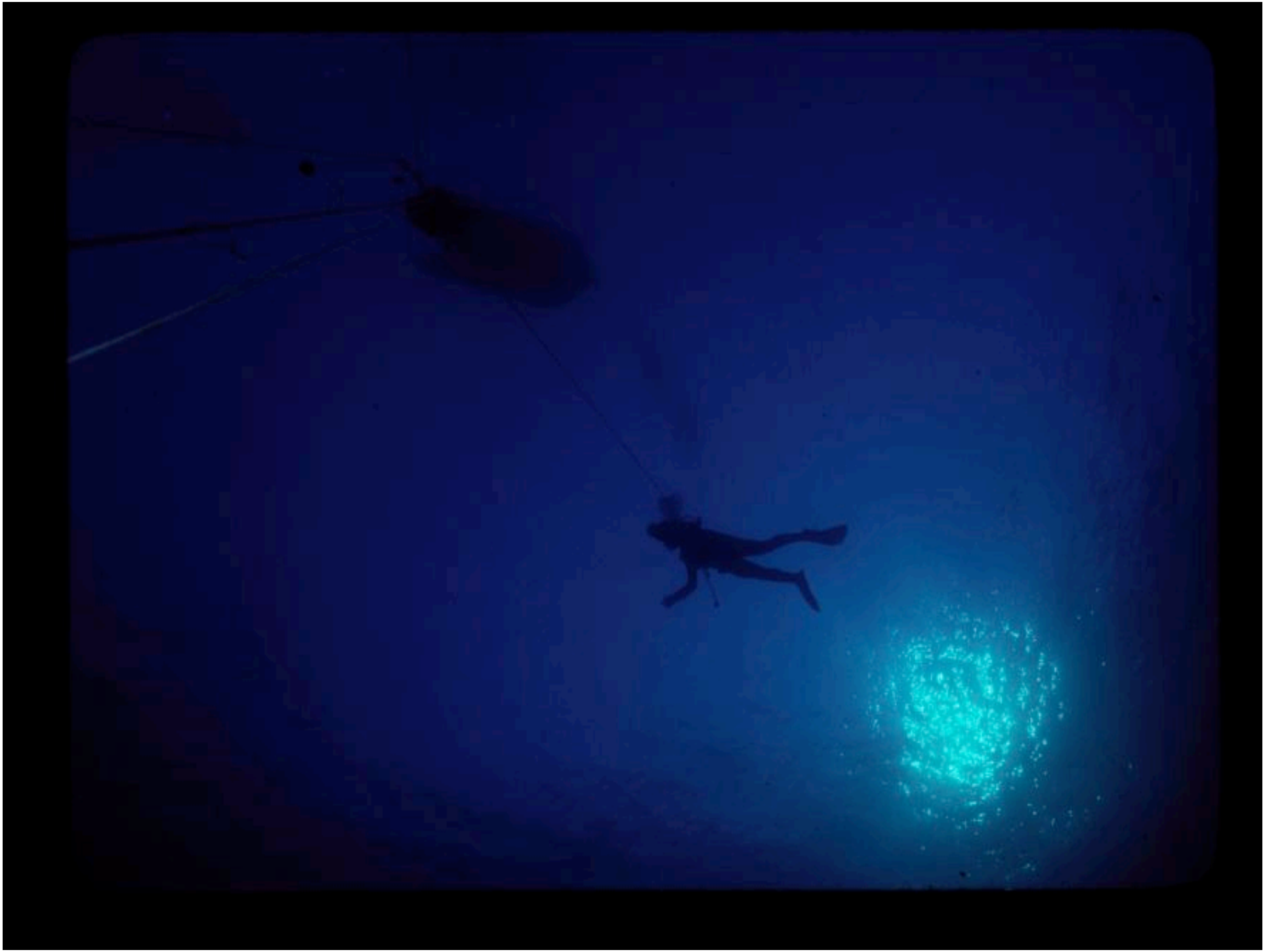
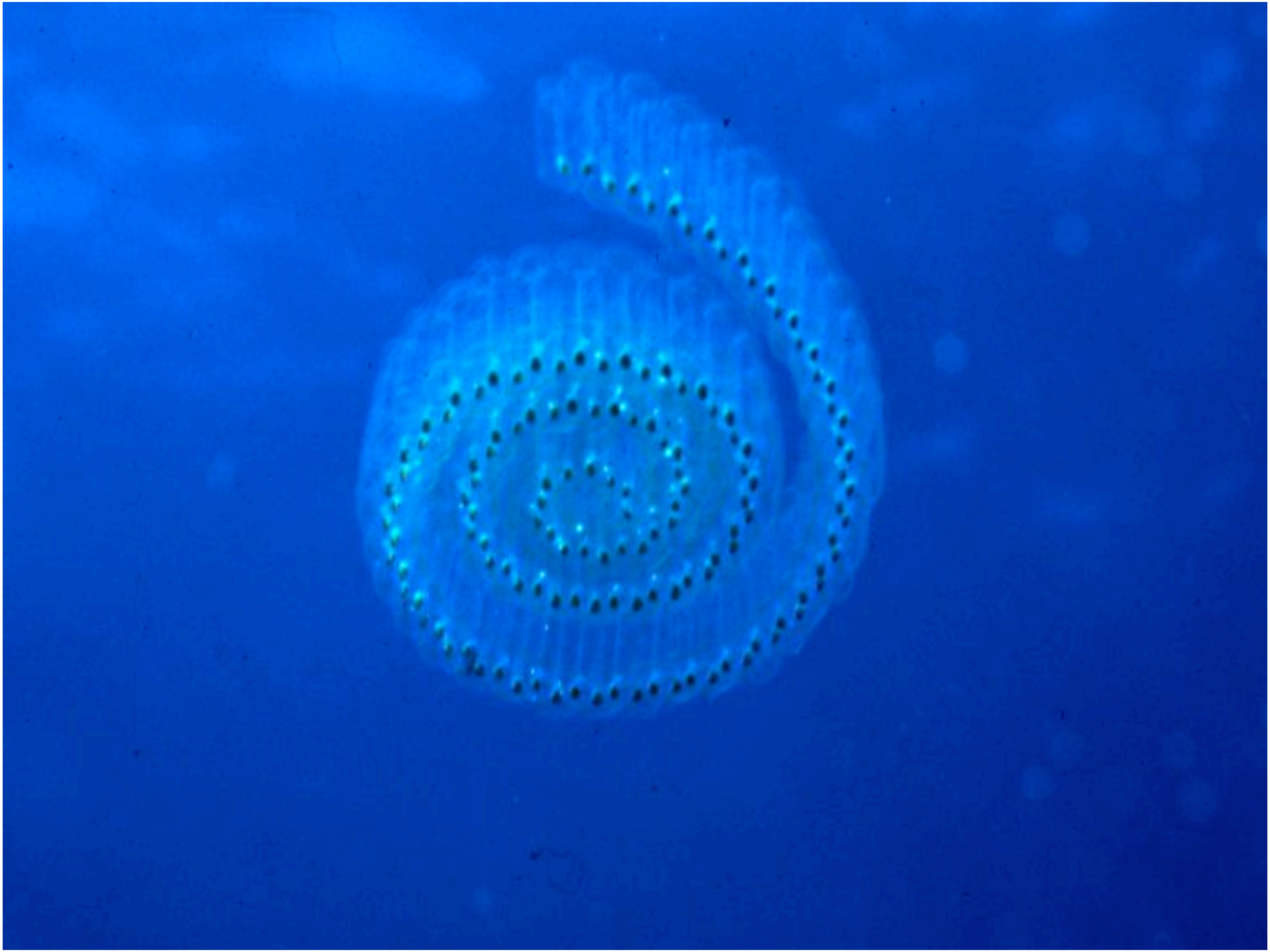
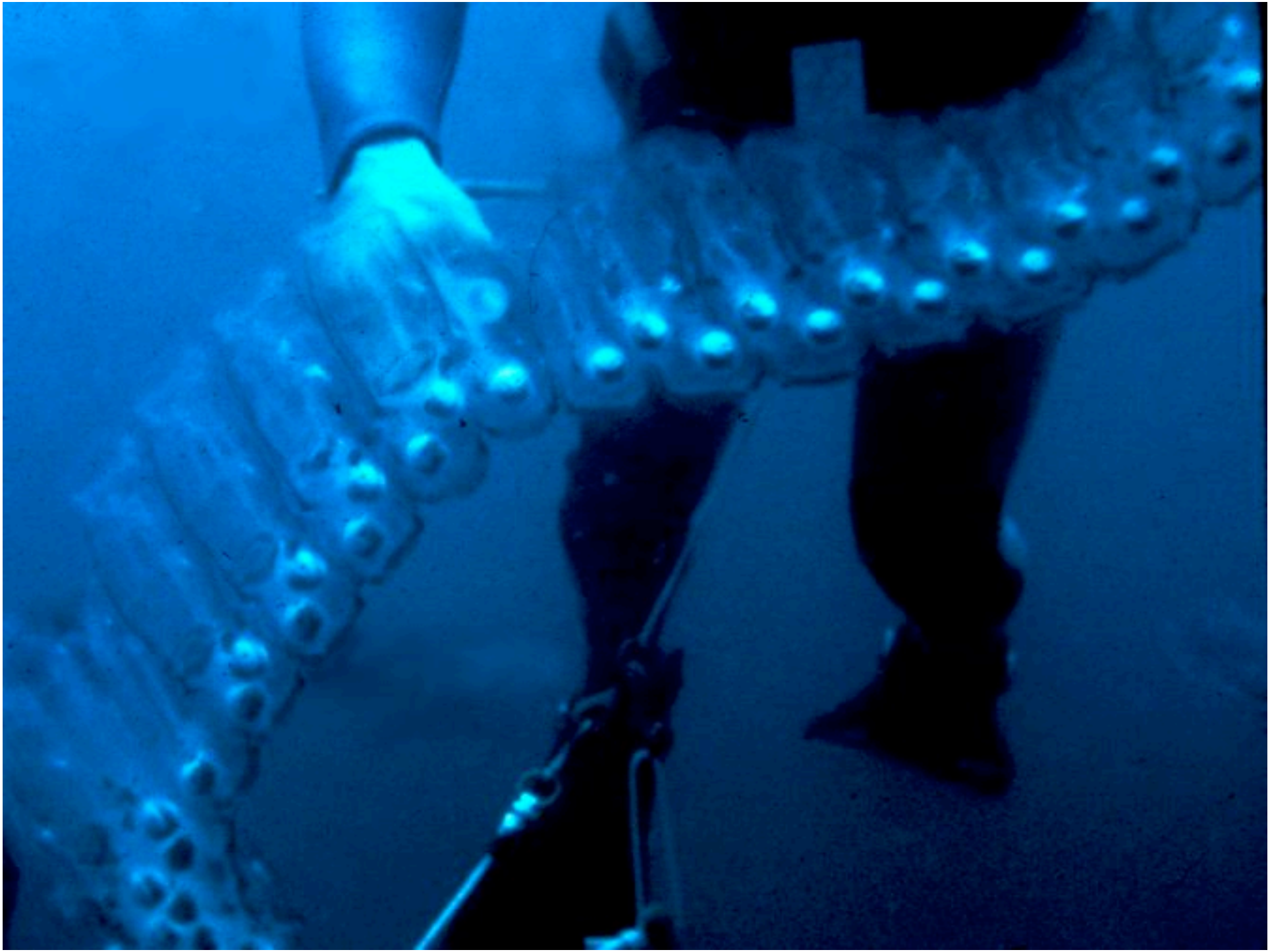
What about just collecting algae growing in the ocean?

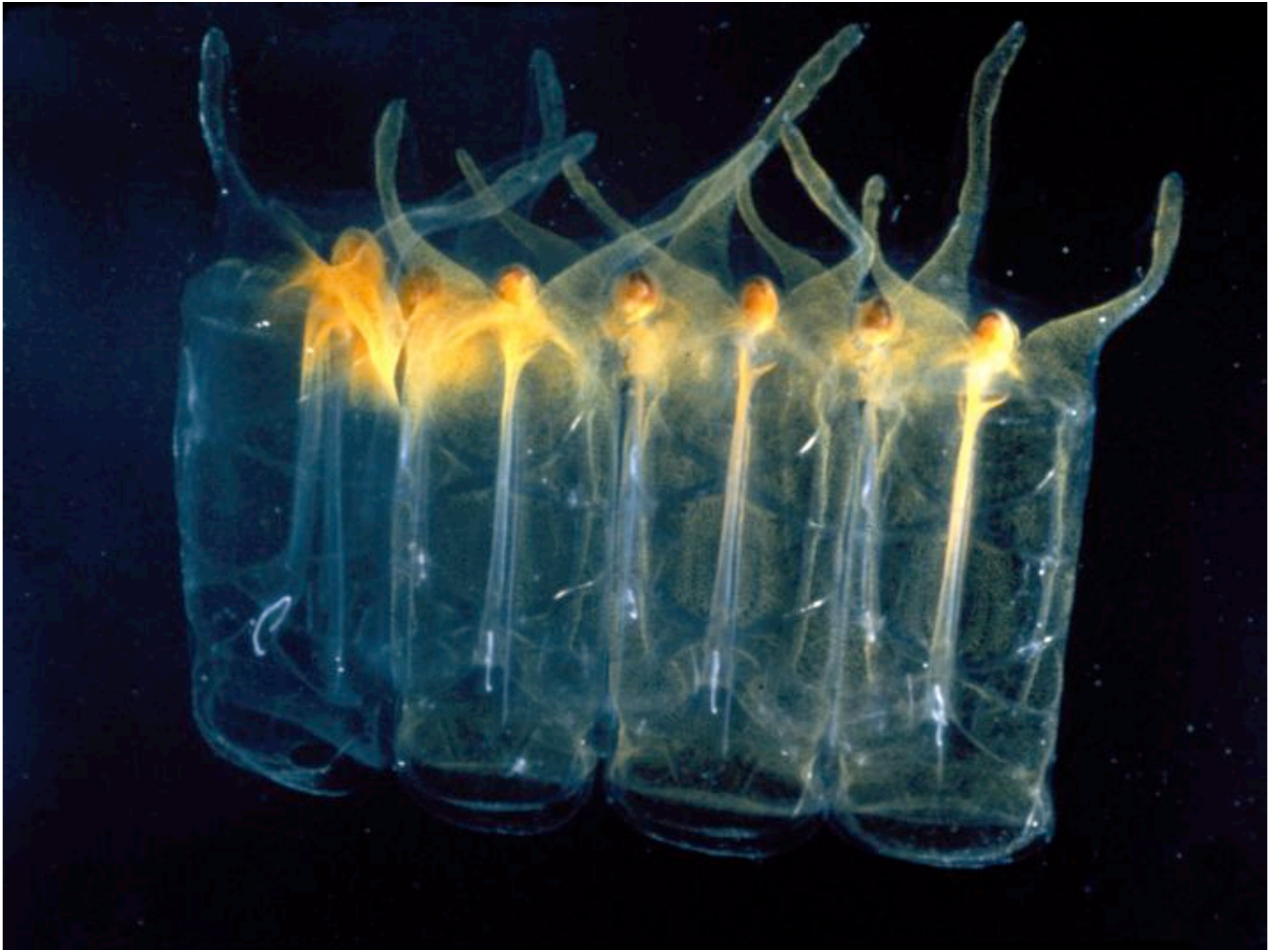

Harvest
wild algae?
Too dilute
Spatially/temporally dispersed
Species composition wrong

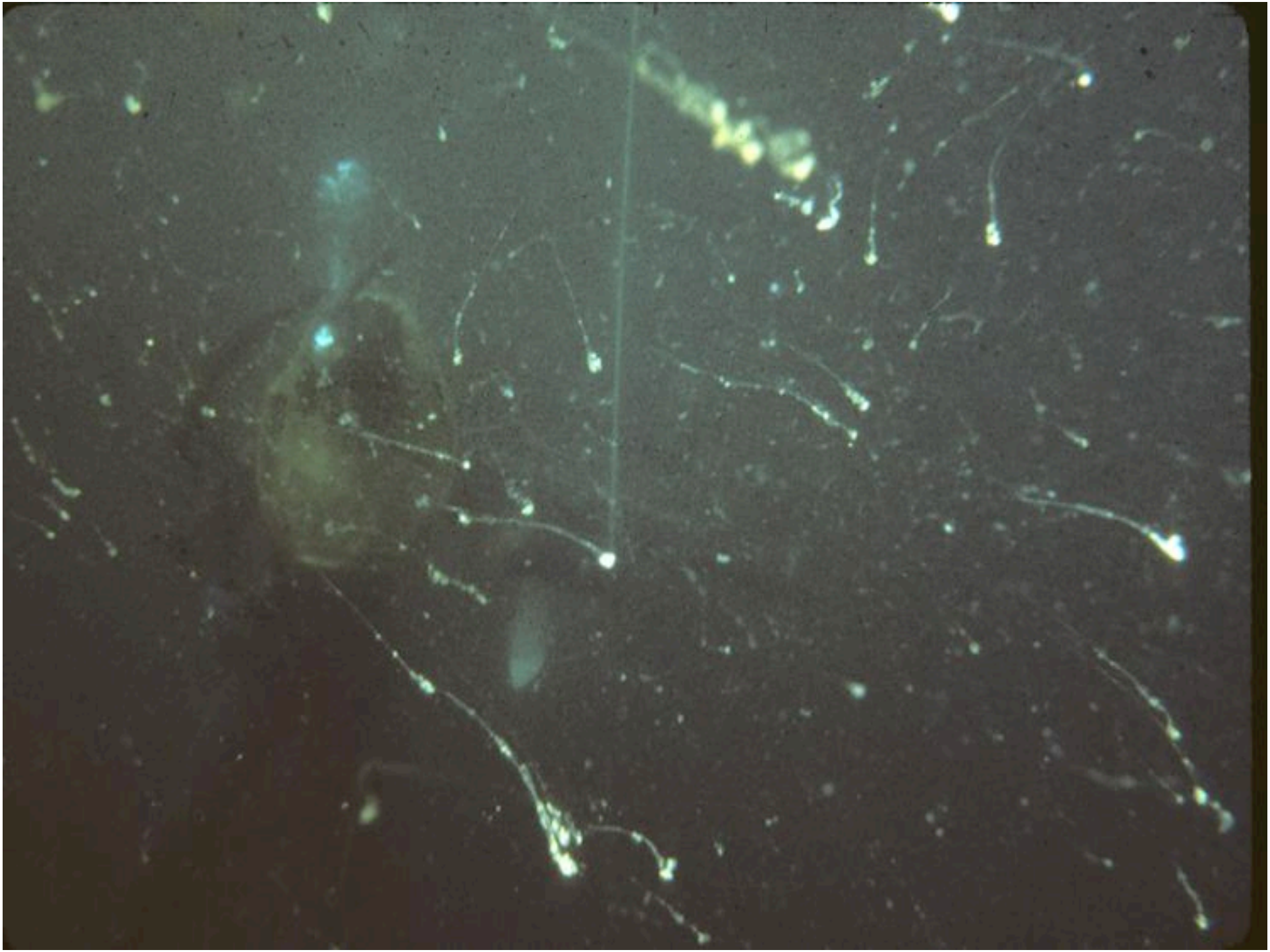


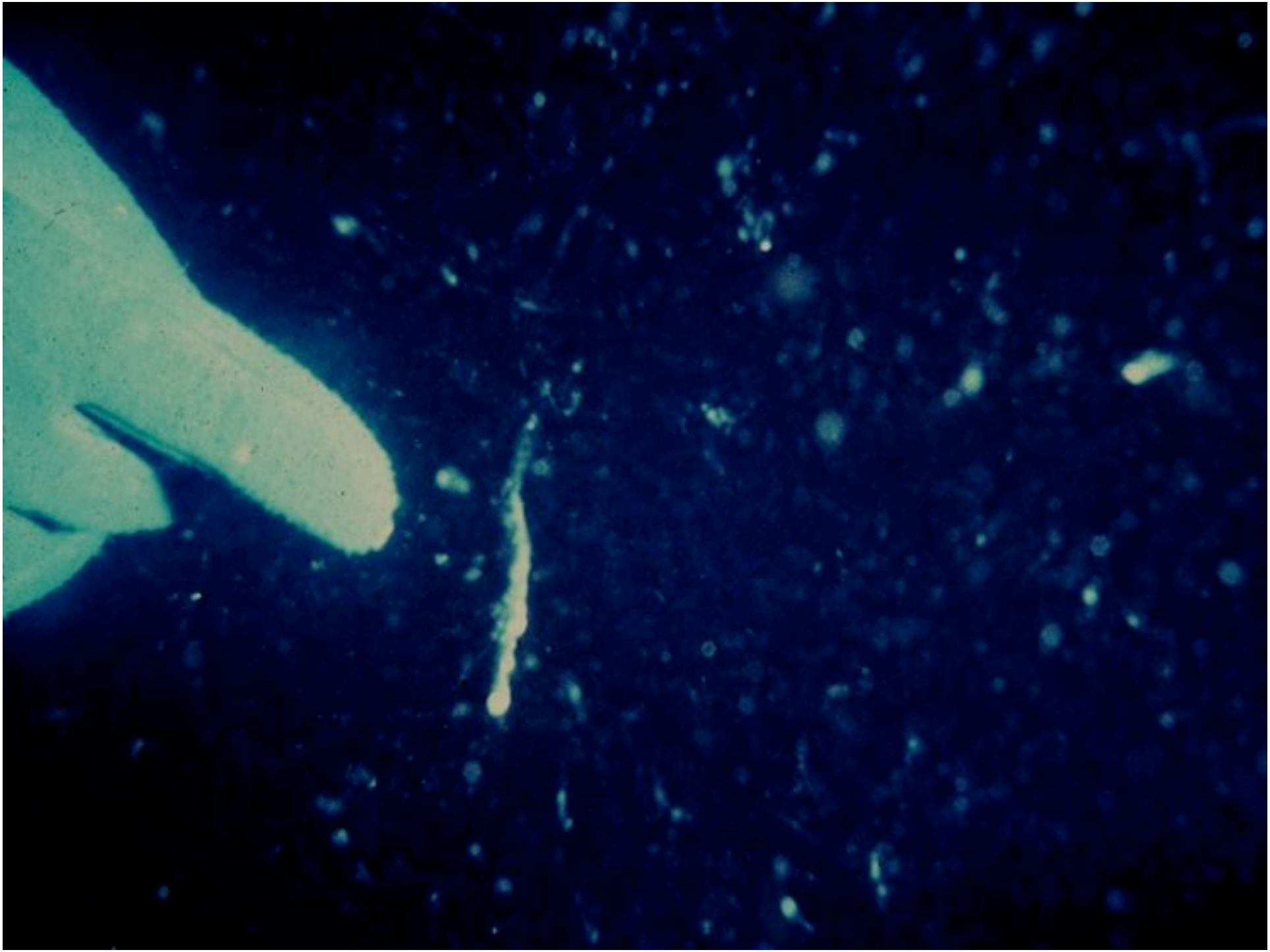


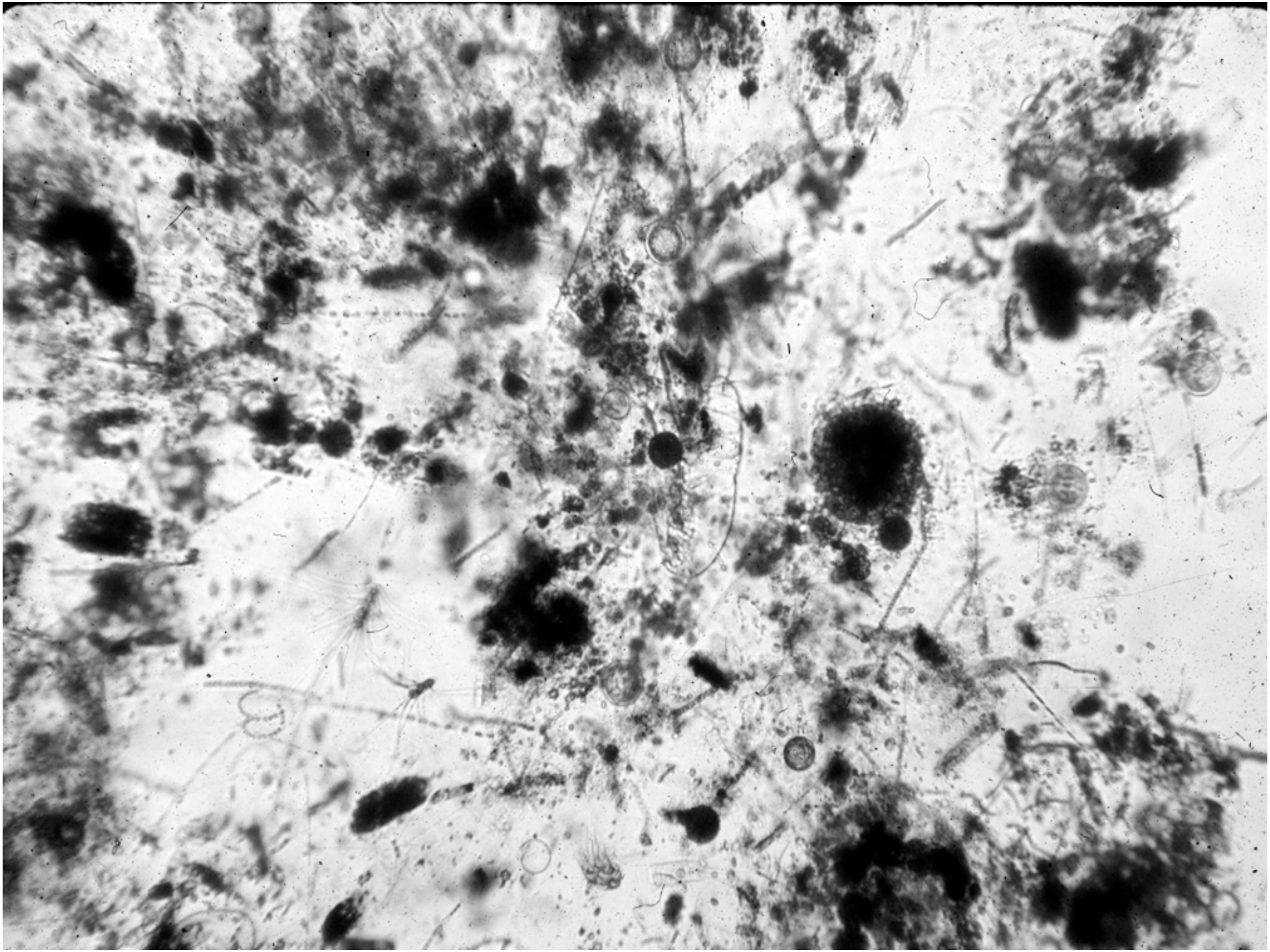


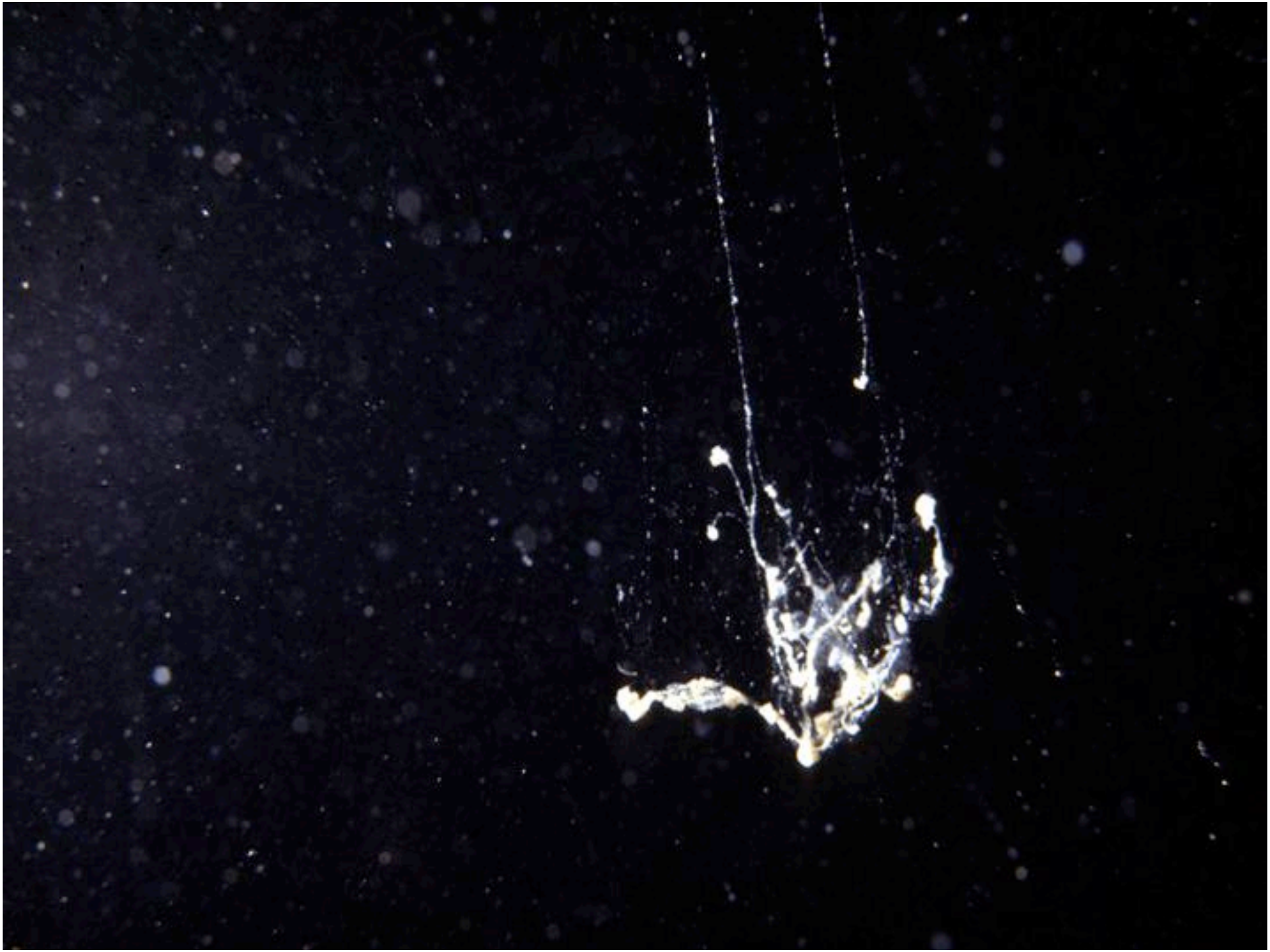












Algae Cultivation Systems

Open circulating ponds (raceways)

Closed bioreactors

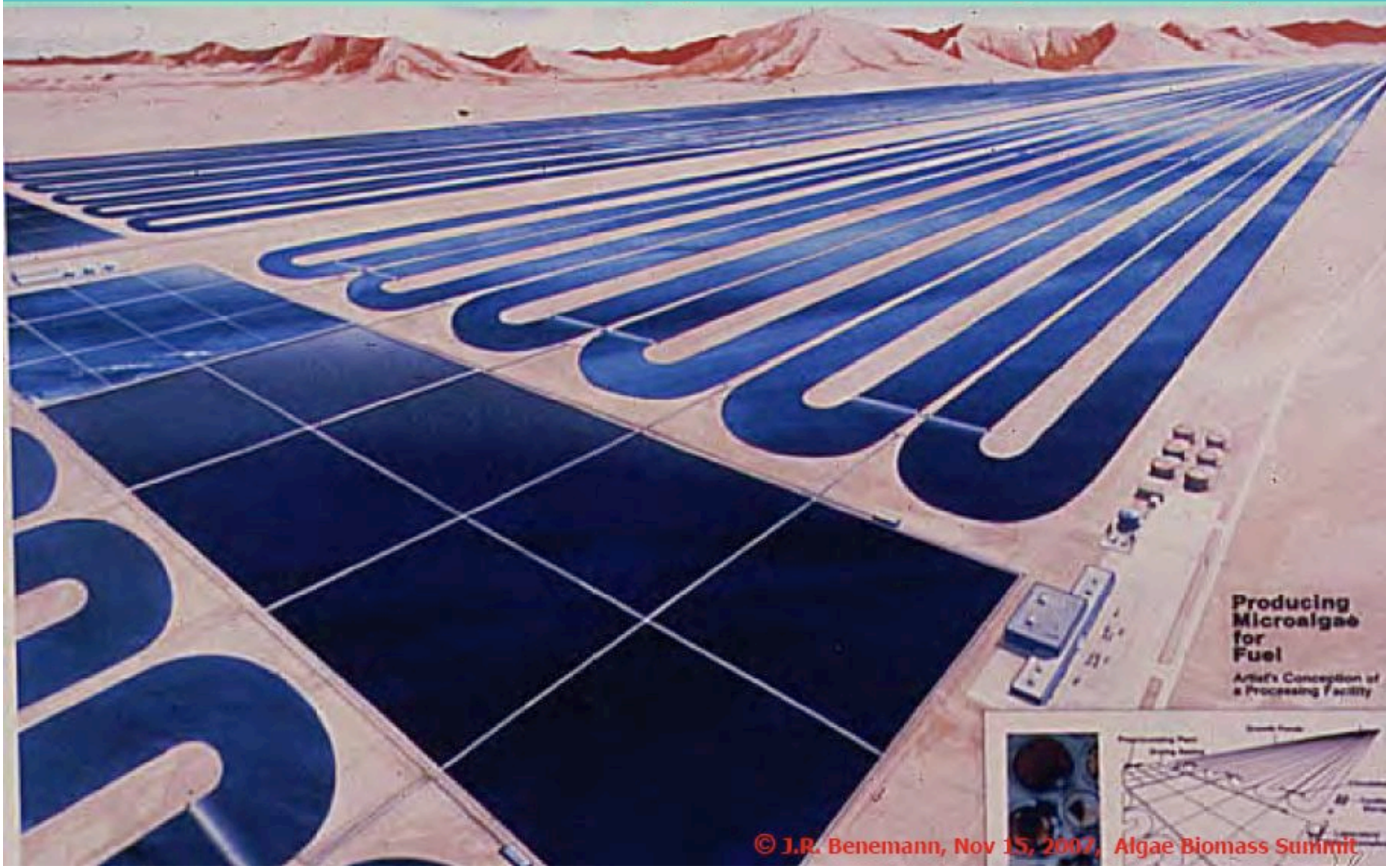

Cyanotech, HI


Yaeyama, Japan

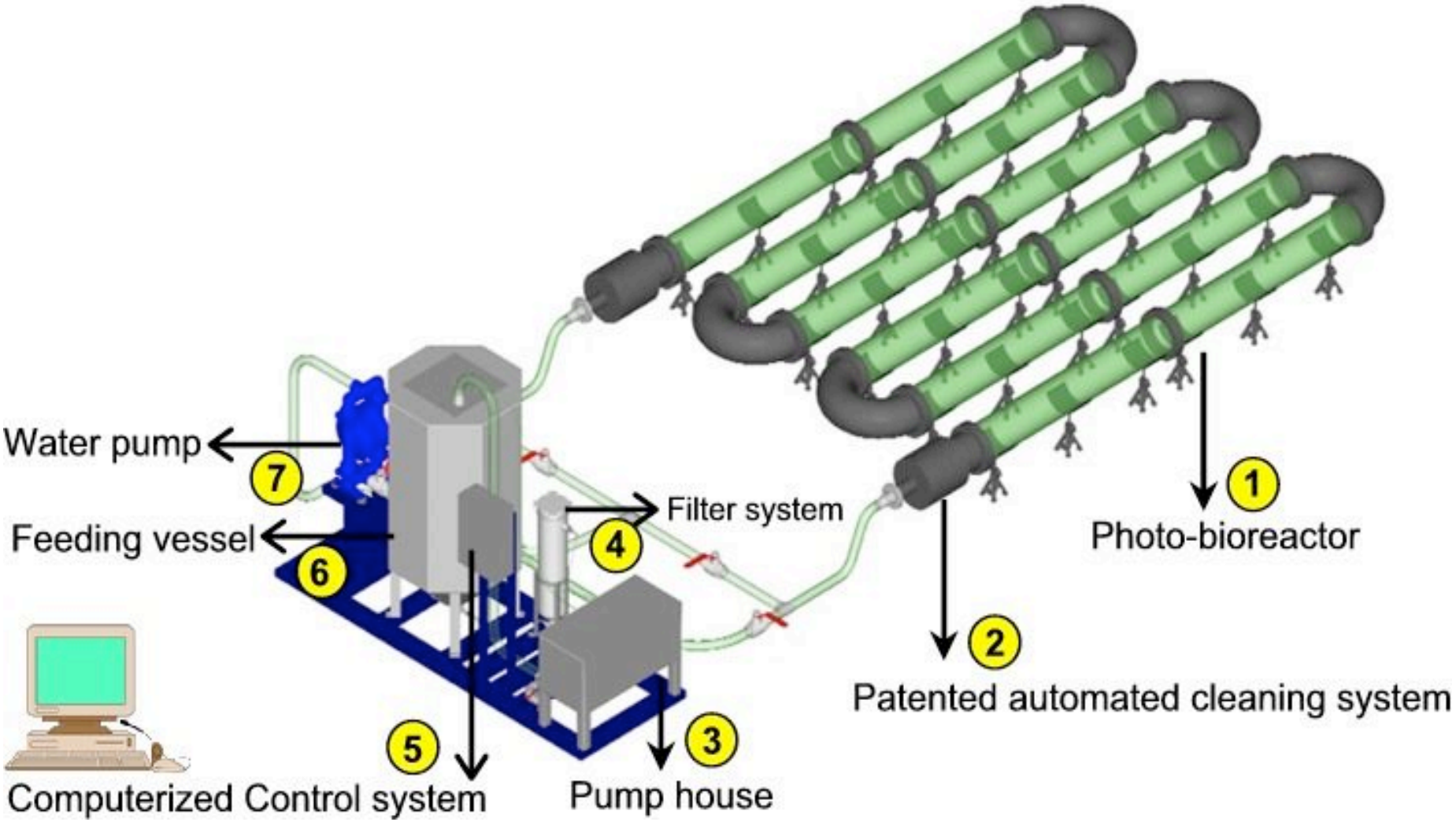

Aquacarotene, Australia


NBT/Seabiotics, Israel

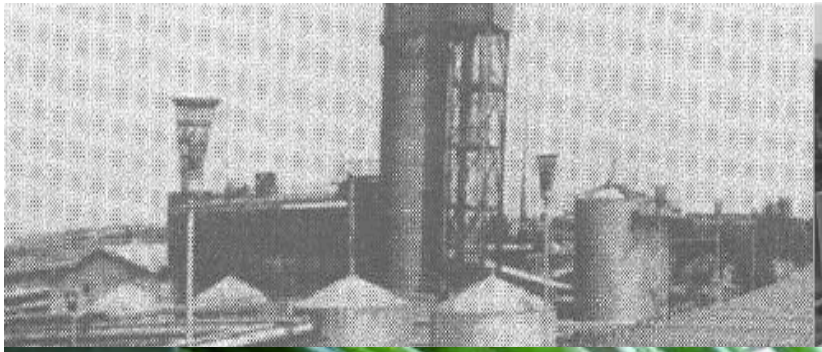
What's wrong with this picture?



Bioreactor



Algal Bioreactor




www.bioenergy-noe.org
Vertigro Energy, Texas
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www.nerc.ac.uk

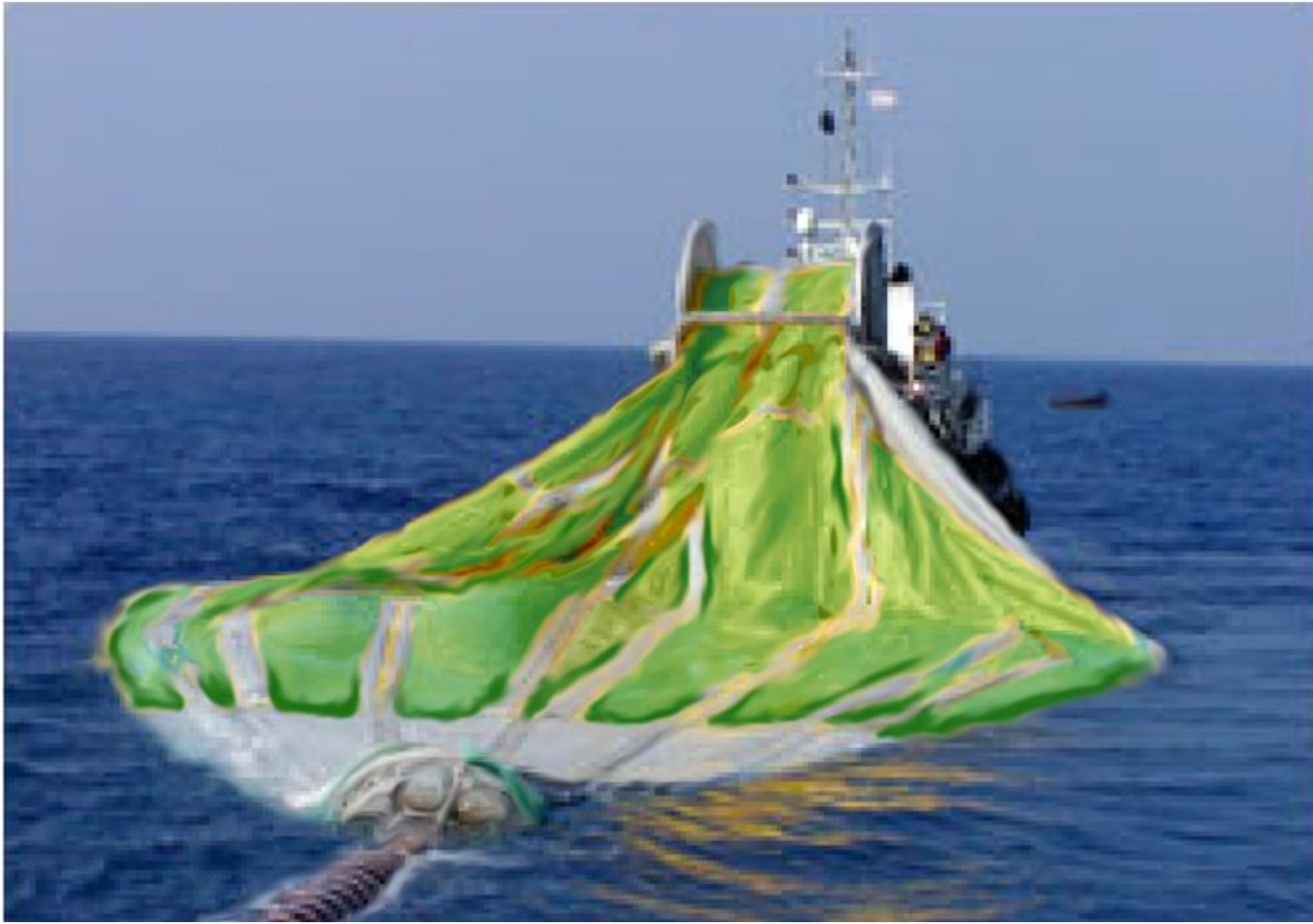
What's wrong with this picture?

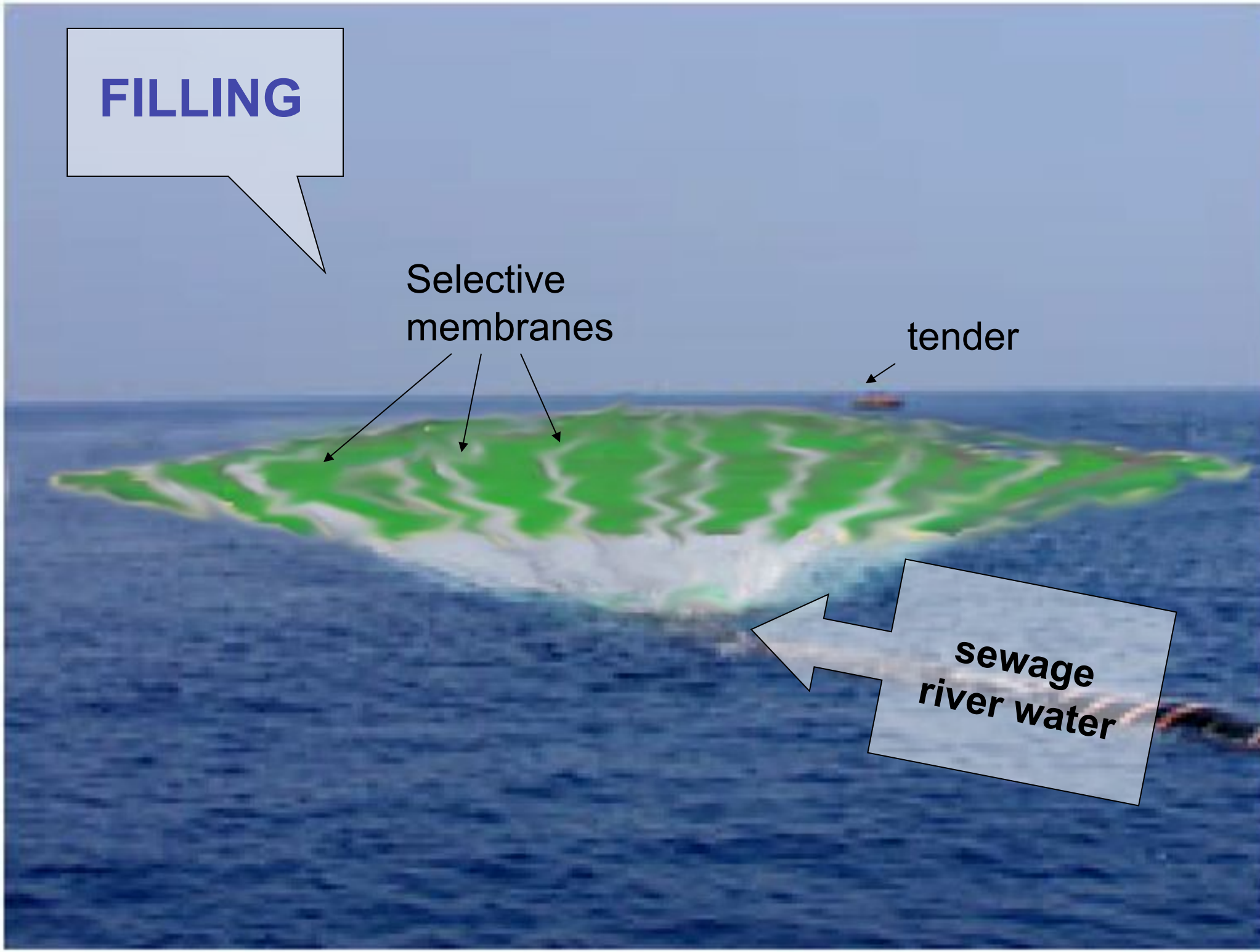
Not practical to grow algae on land…

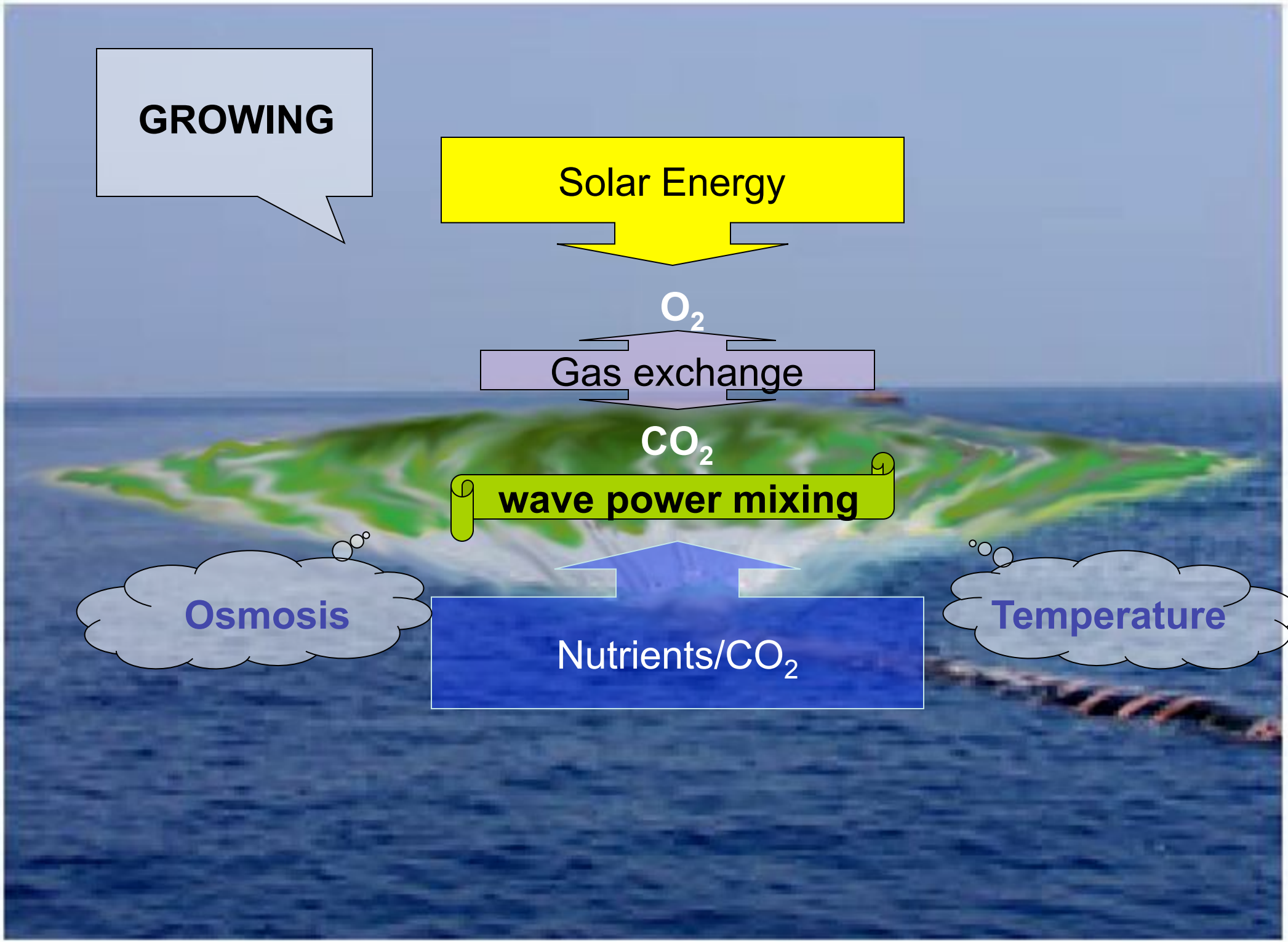
1: Open circulating ponds (raceways)

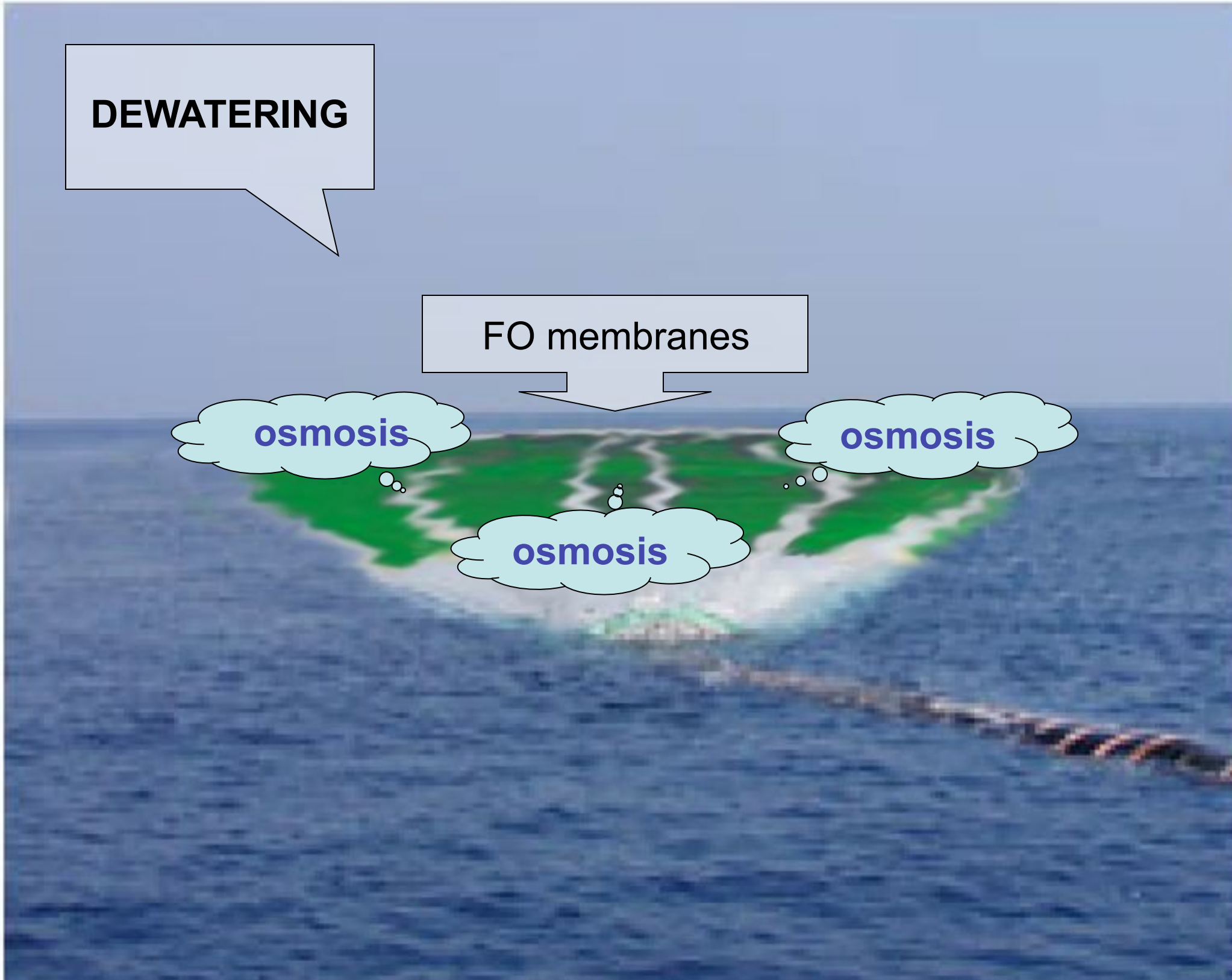
2: Closed photobioreactors (PBRs)


O ffshore
M embrane
E nclosures for
G rowing
A lgae




FILLING
Selective membranes
tender
sewage river water


GROWING
Solar Energy
O_2
Gas exchange
CO_2
wave power mixing
Osmosis
Nutrients/CO_2
Temperature


DEWATERING
FO membranes
osmosis
osmosis
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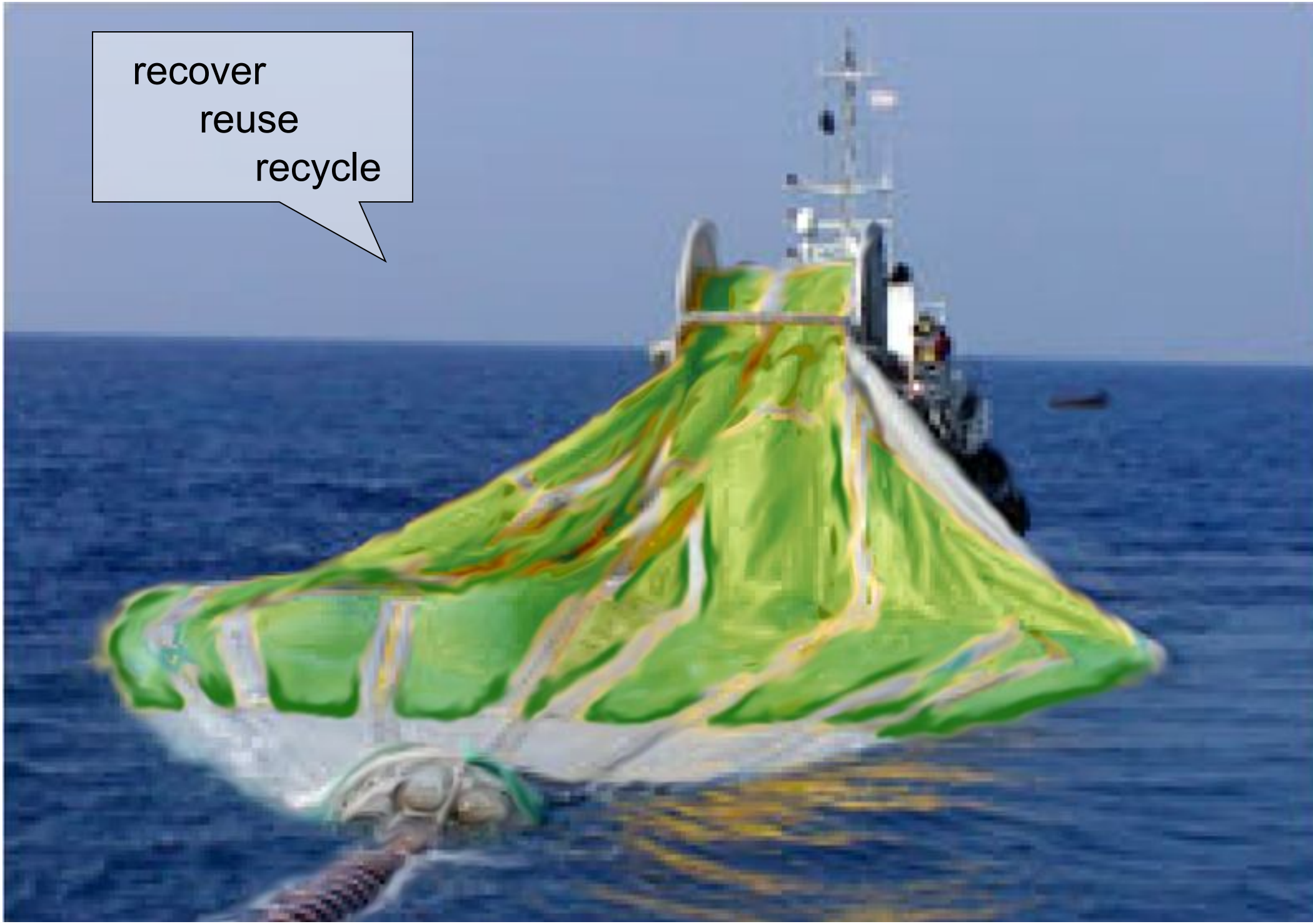
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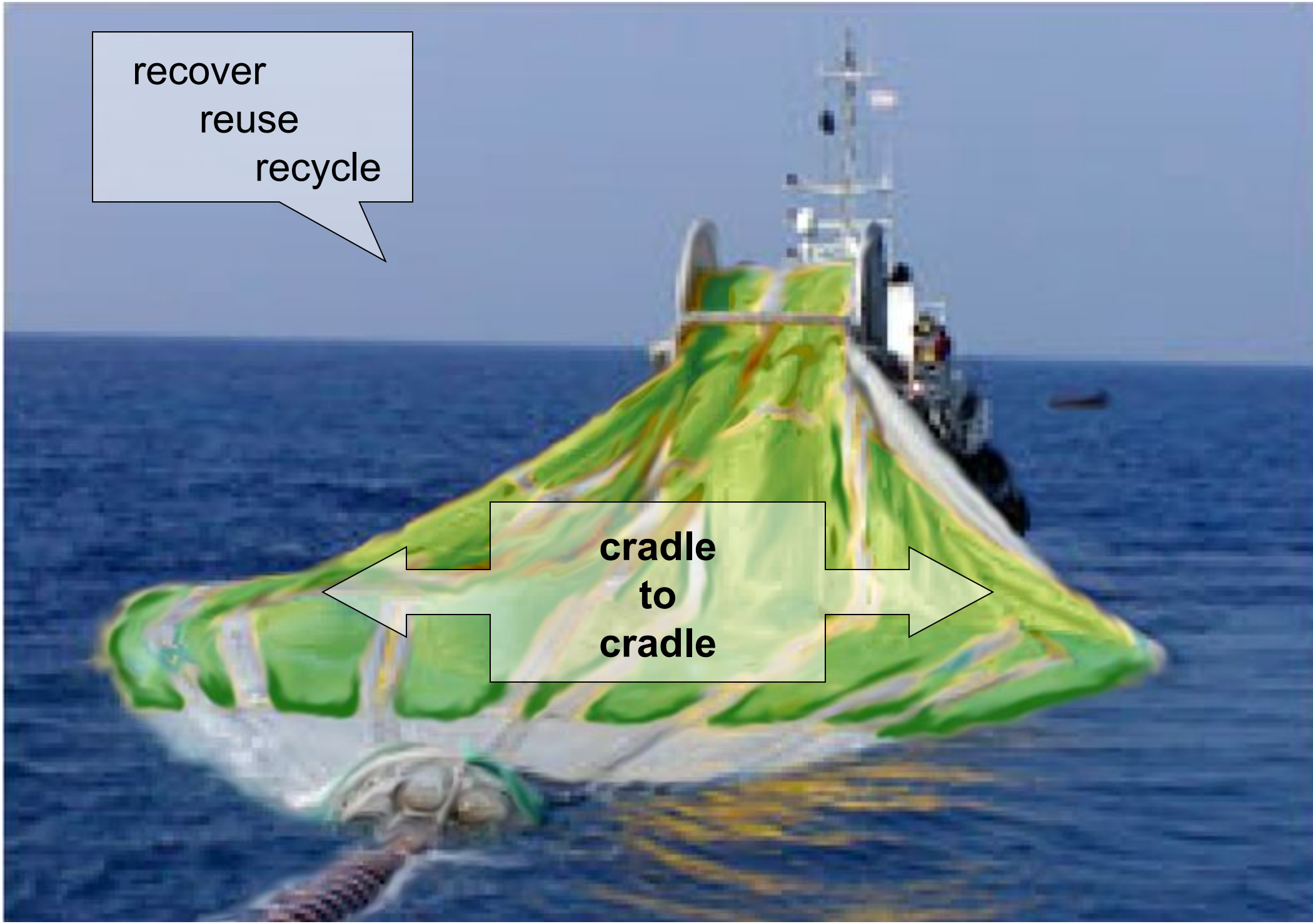
reuse
recycle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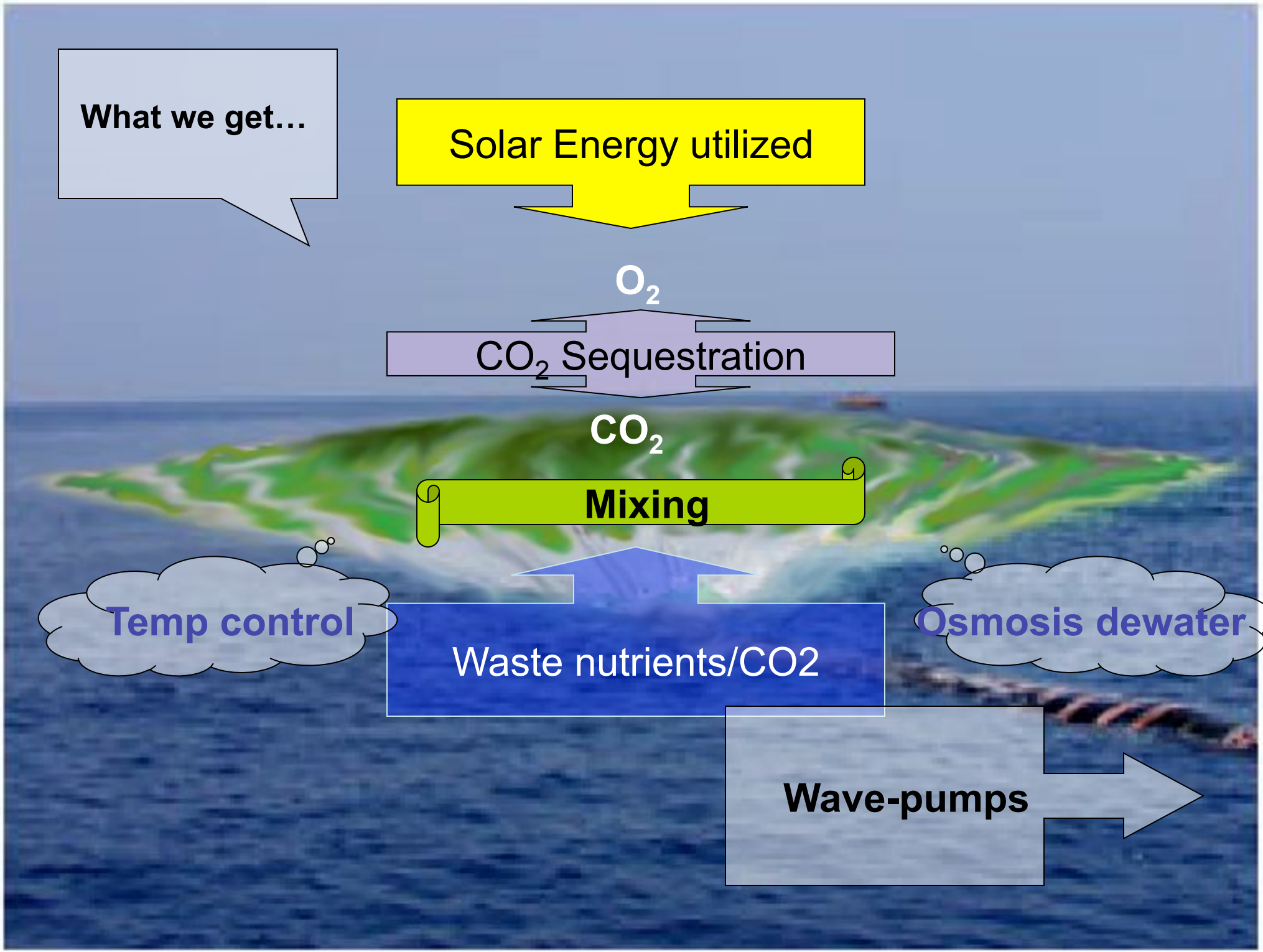
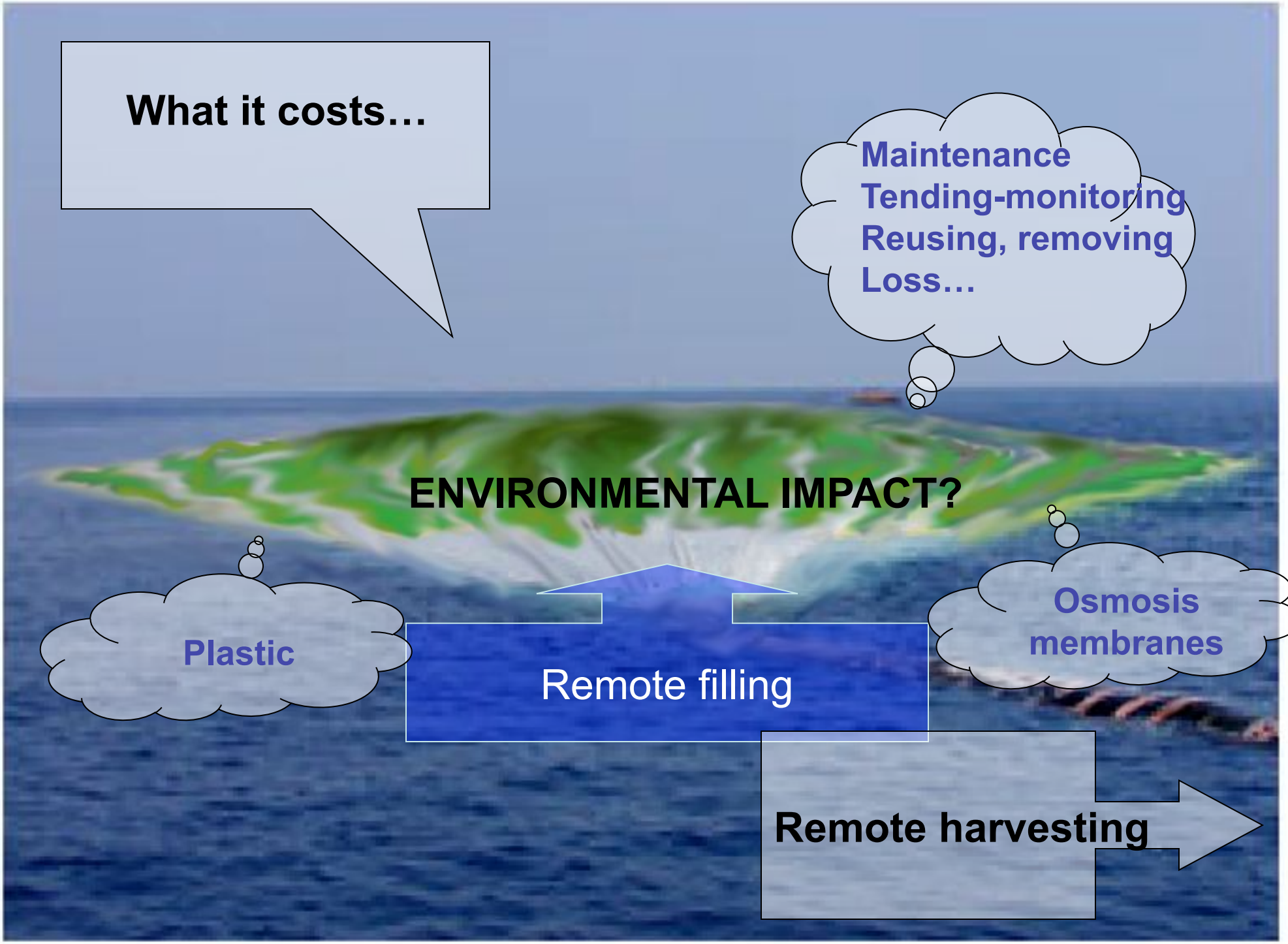
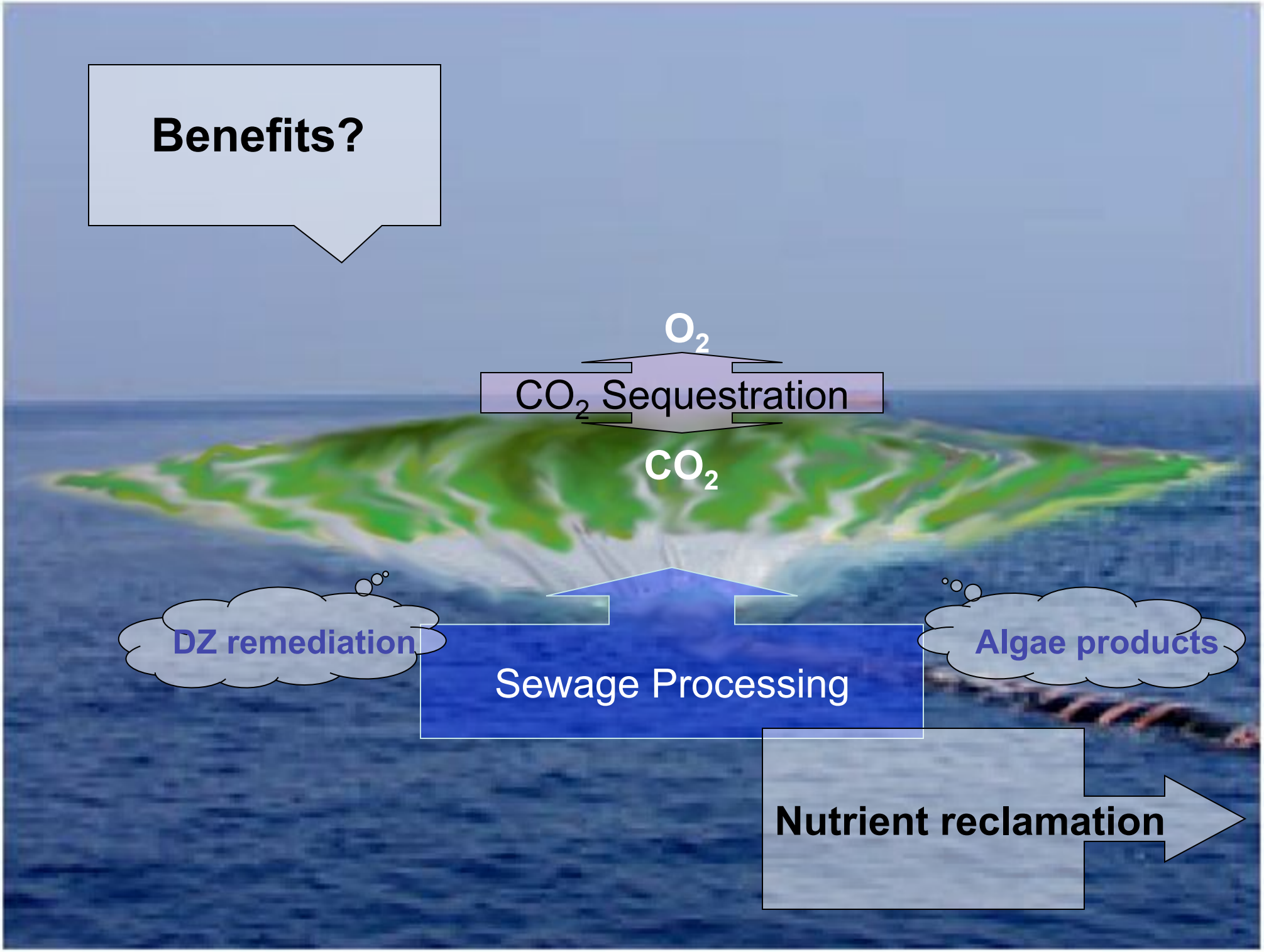
cradle
to
cradle


What we get…
Solar Energy utilized
O_2
CO_2 Sequestration
CO_2
Mixing
Temp control
Waste nutrients/CO2
Osmosis dewater
Wave-pumps

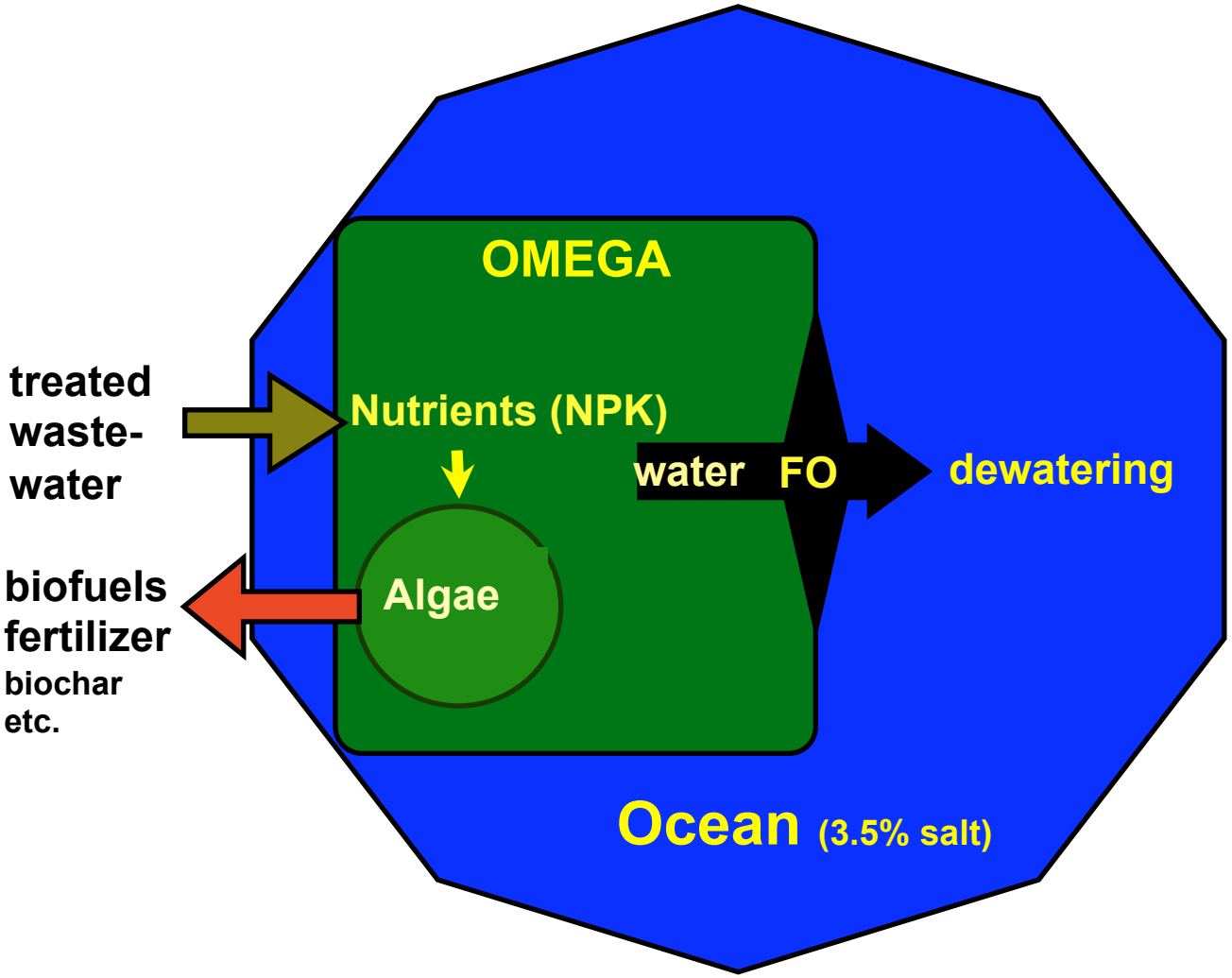

What it costs…
Maintenance
Tending-monitoring
Reusing, removing
Loss…
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT?
Plastic
Remote filling
Osmosis membranes
Remote harvesting


Benefits?
O_2
CO_2 Sequestration
CO_2
DZ remediation
Sewage Processing
Algae products
Nutrient reclamation

Critical Factors*	raceway	bioreactor	AlgaeOMEGA
			
Cap/op cost			?
Evaporation			?
Temp. control			?
Invasive spp.			?
Mixing			?
Harvesting			?
Envir. impact			?

***Biology, Engineering, Environment, Economics**

OMEGA system



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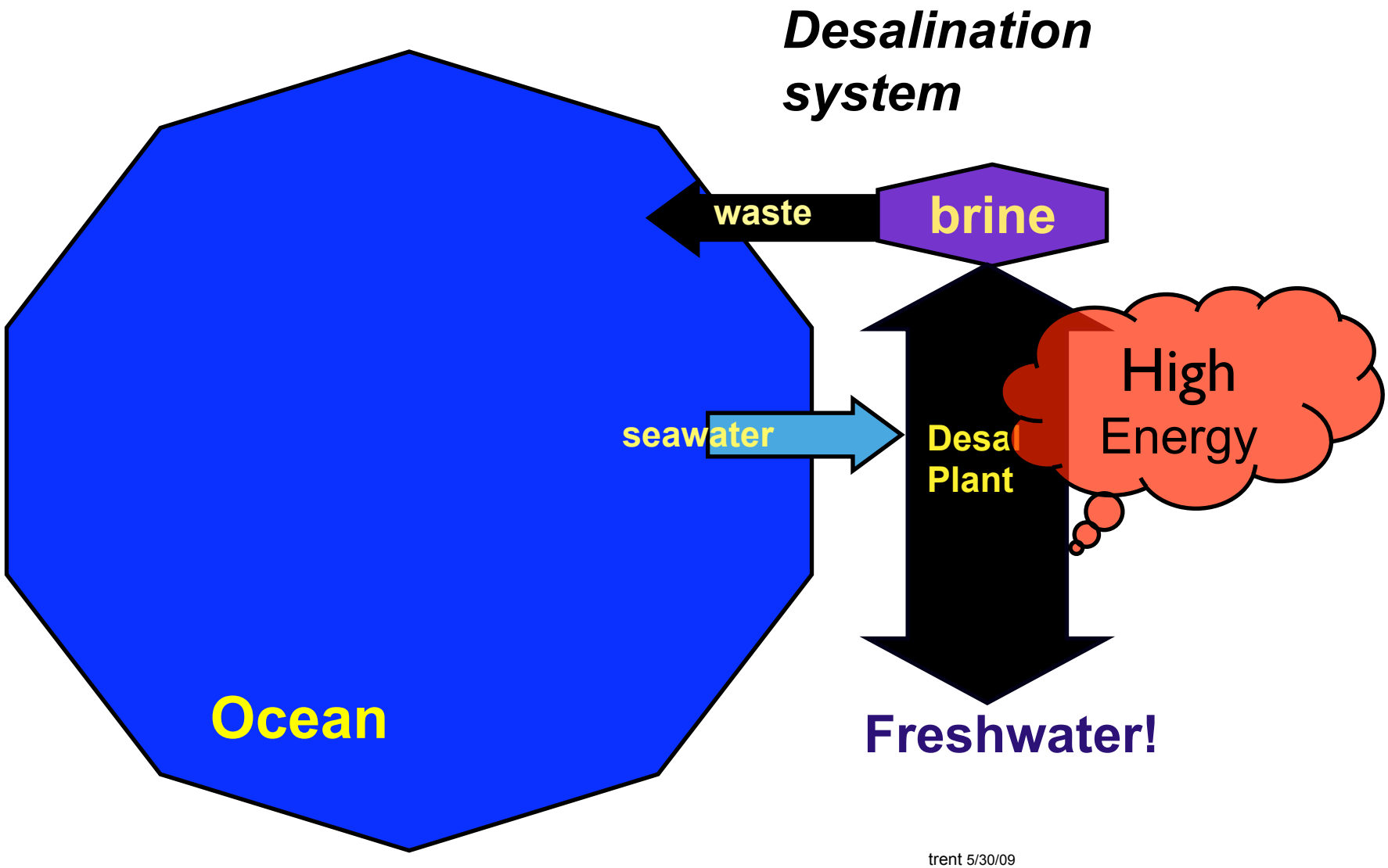
What about the water?


Desalination system
waste
brine
seawater
Desal Plant
High Energy
Ocean
Freshwater!

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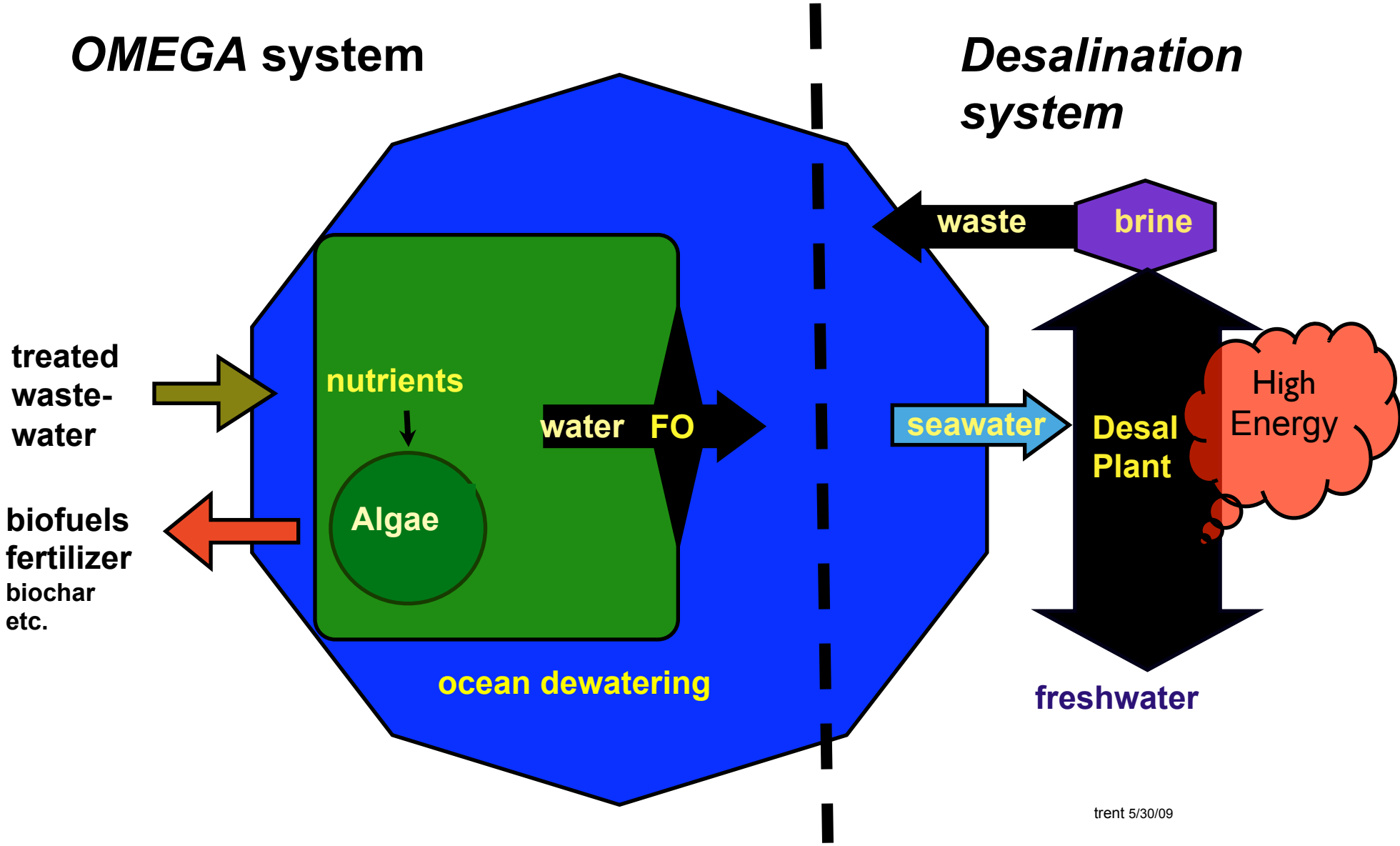
OMEGA system
Desalination system
waste
brine
treated waste-water
nutrients
water
FO
seawater
Desal Plant
High Energy
biofuels
fertilizer
biochar
etc.
Algae
ocean dewatering
freshwater
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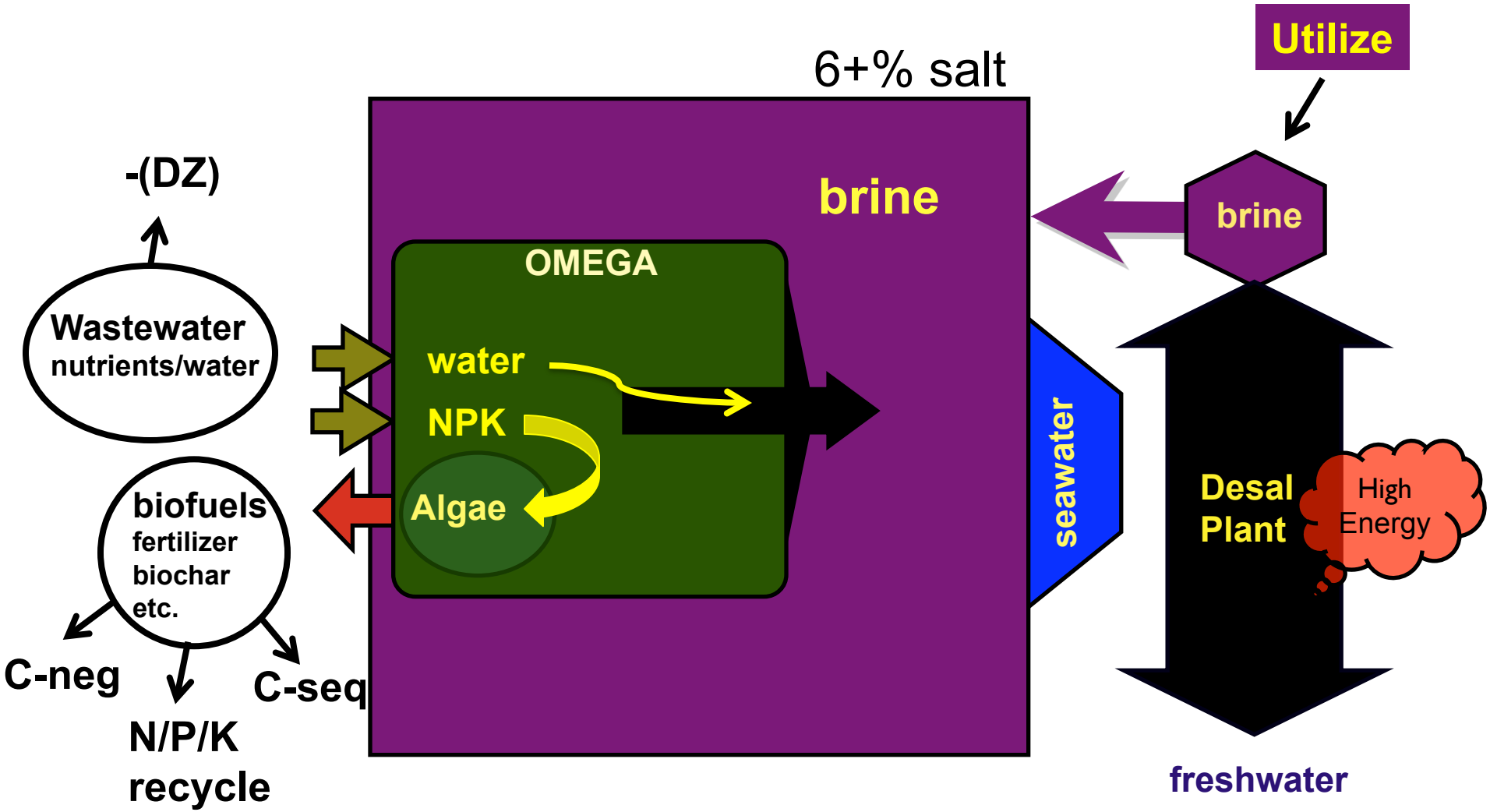
Desalgae system (OMEGA + Desalination)



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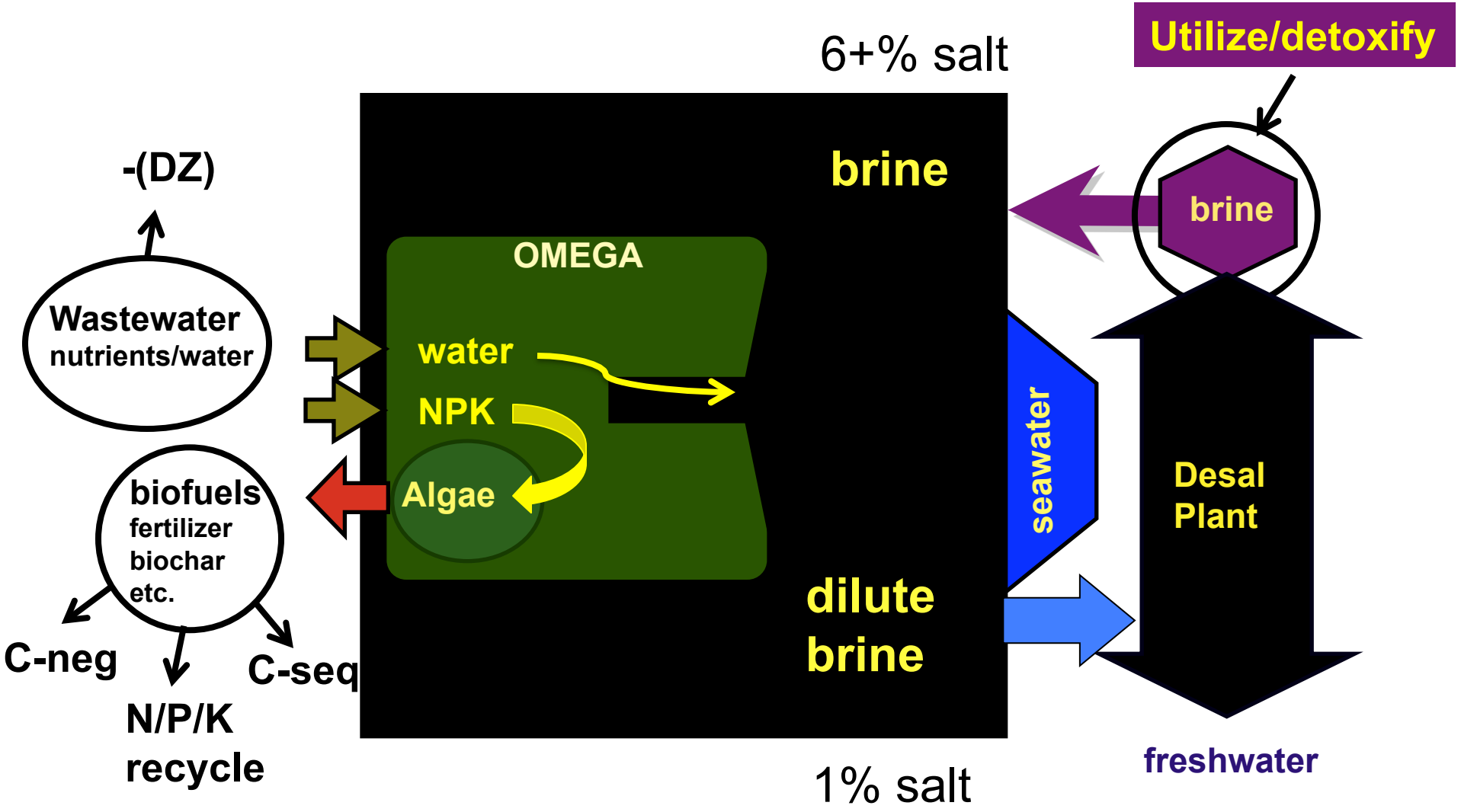

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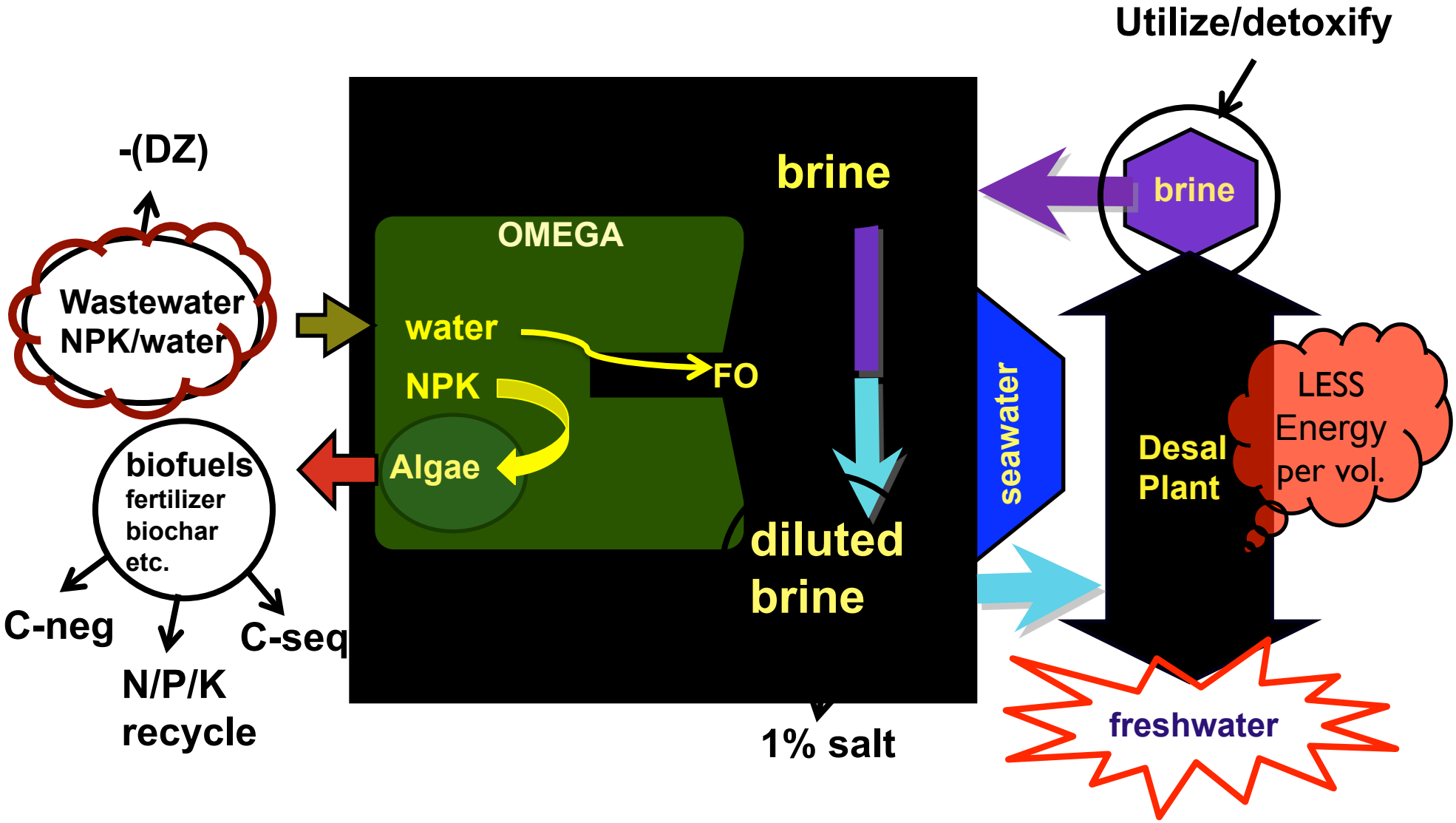
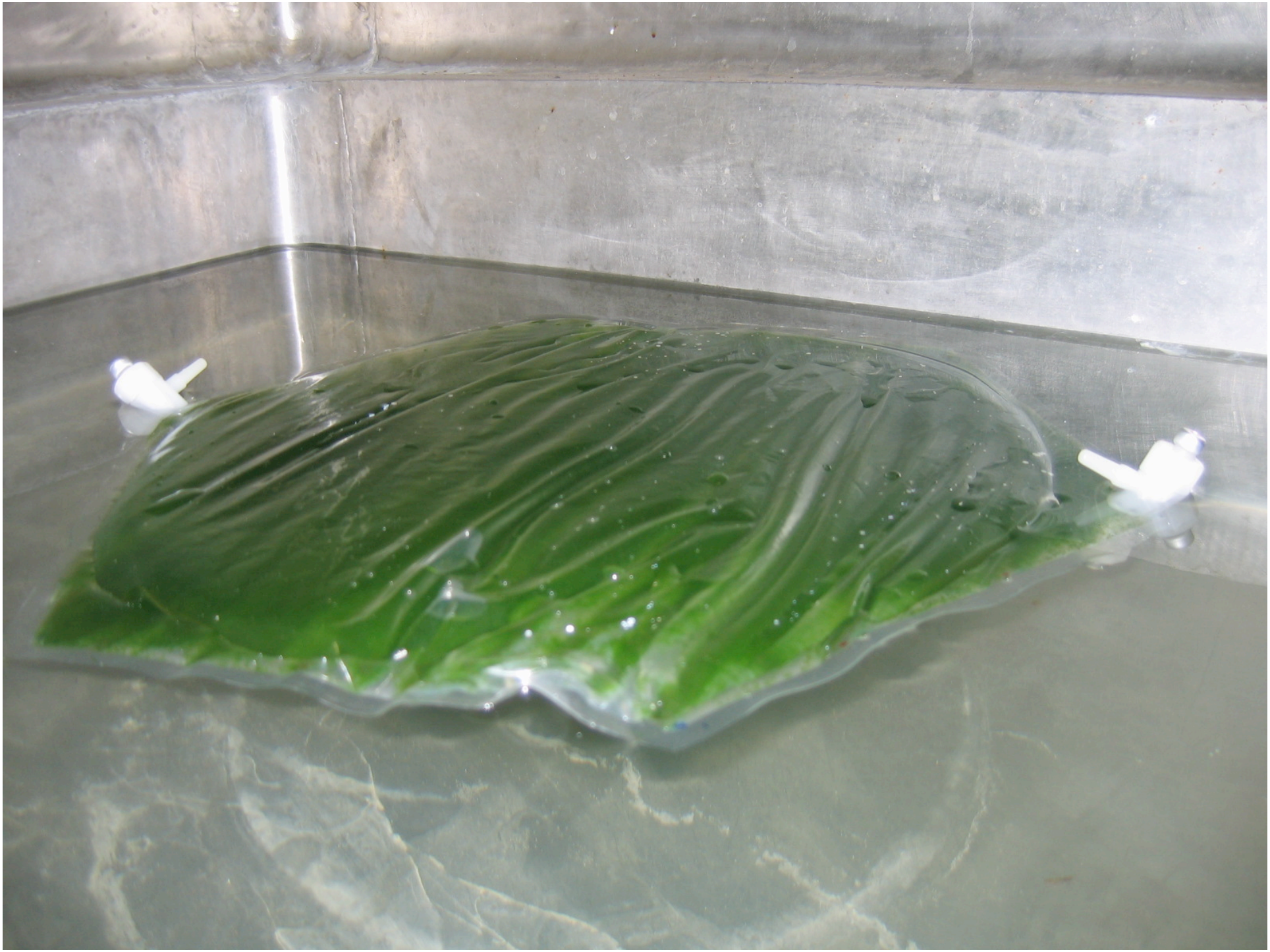
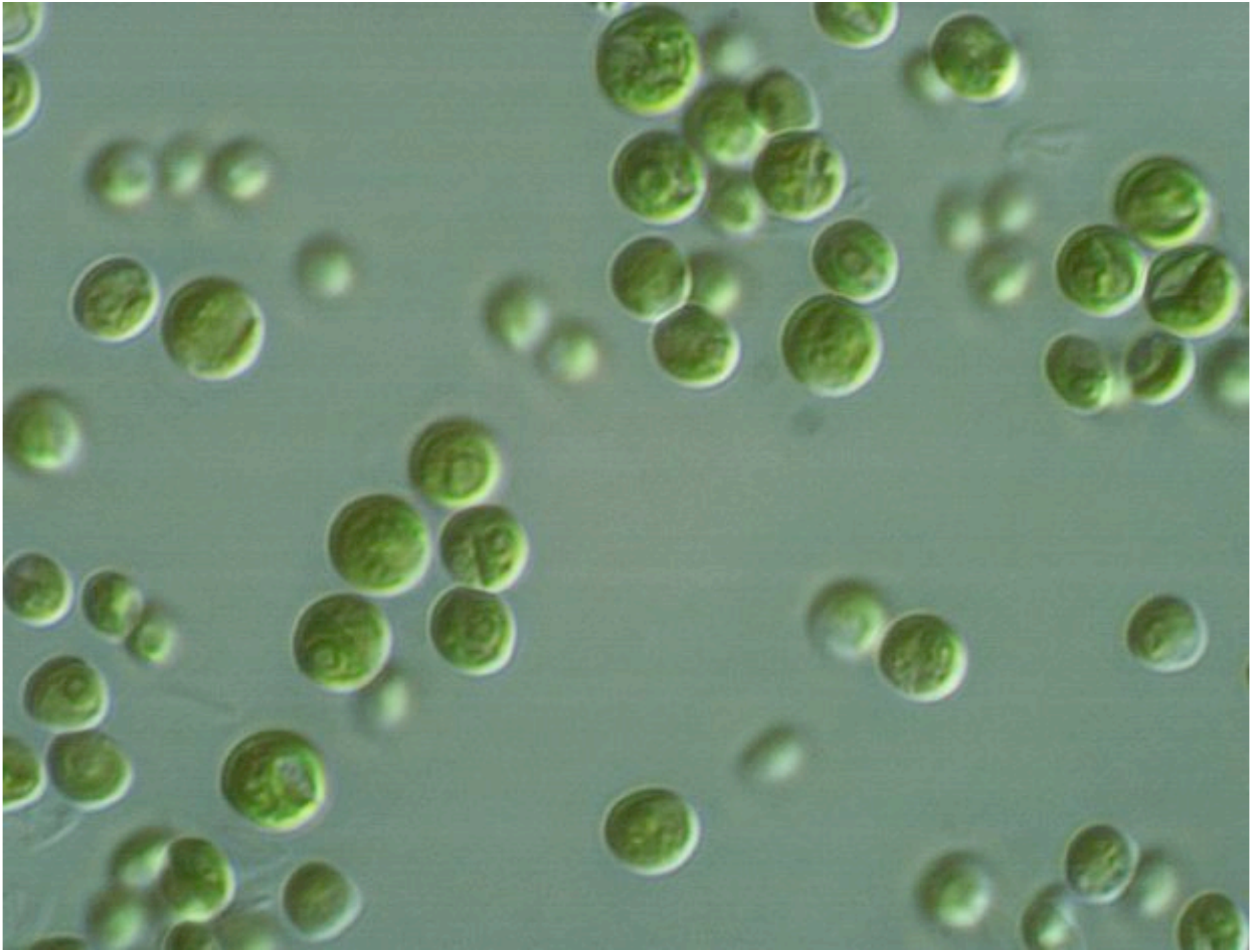
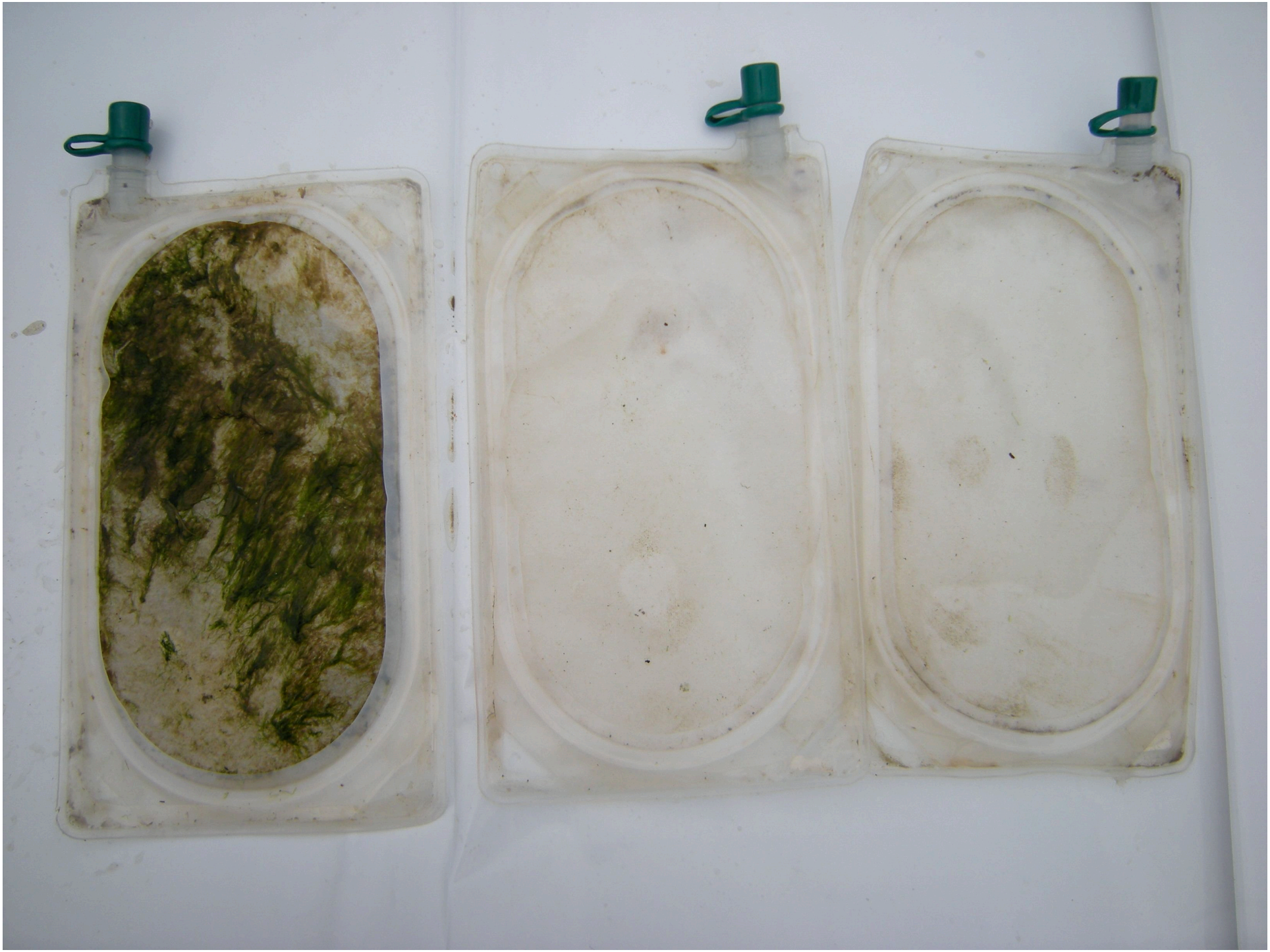


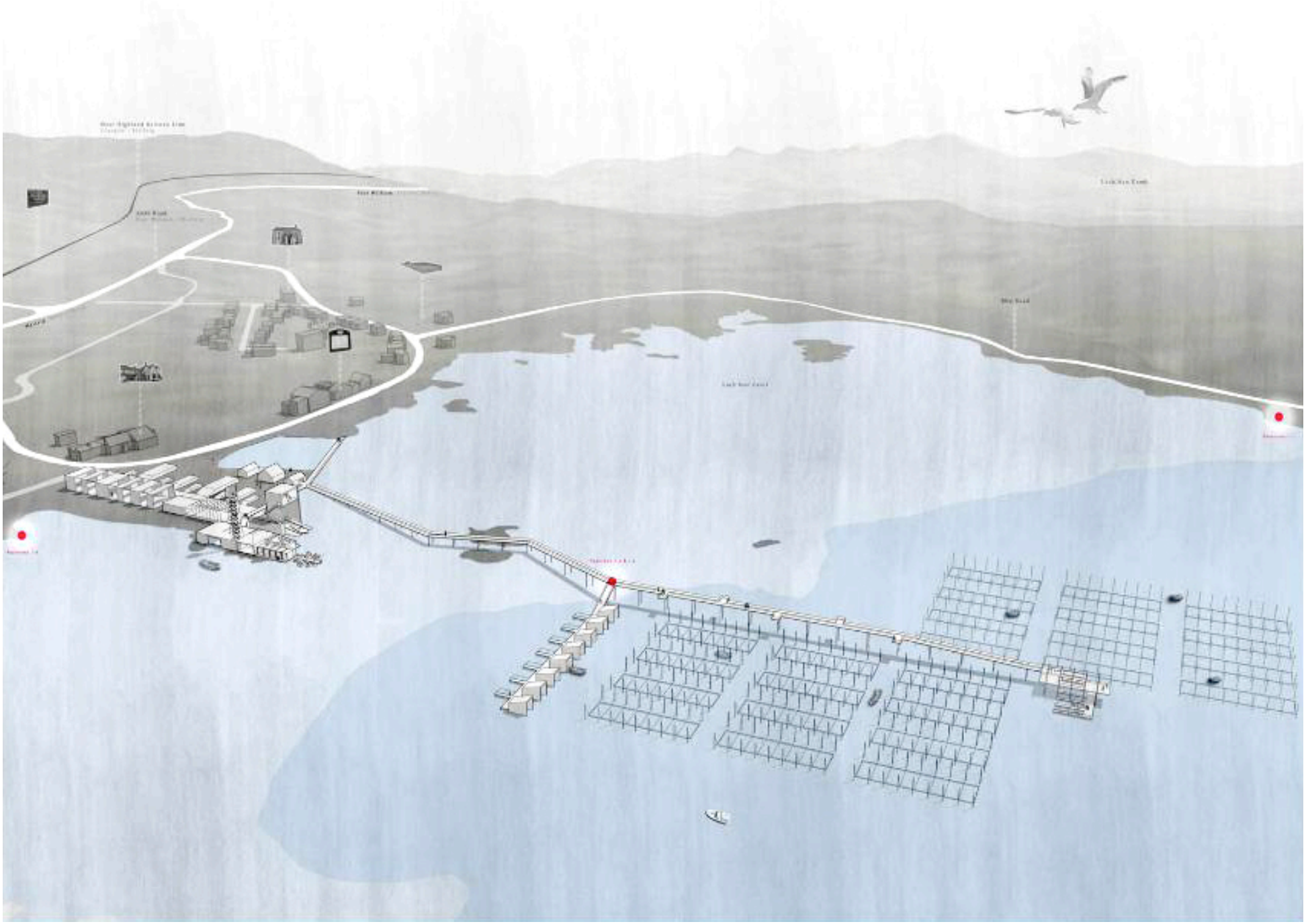

OMEGA Challenges?
•Biology
•Engineering
•Economics
•Environment (policy, politics)


OMEGA
•What have we done?
•Barriers to success?
•Materials
•Logistics
•Collaboration?









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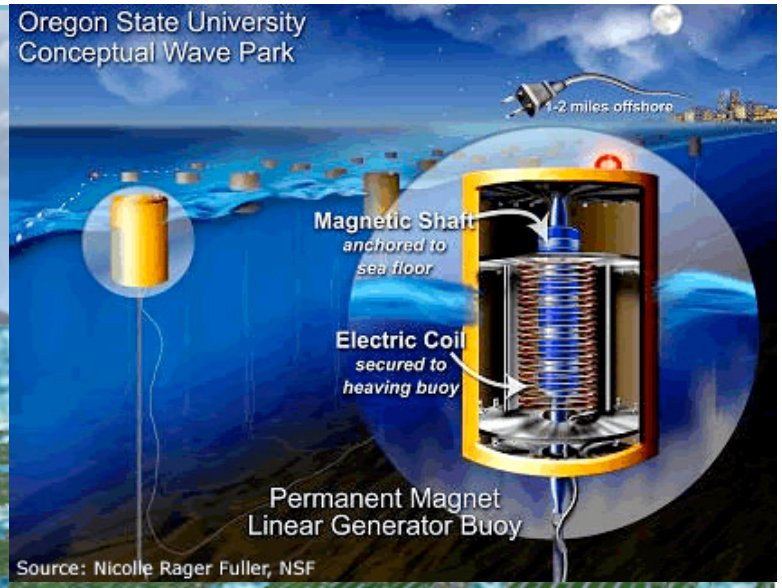
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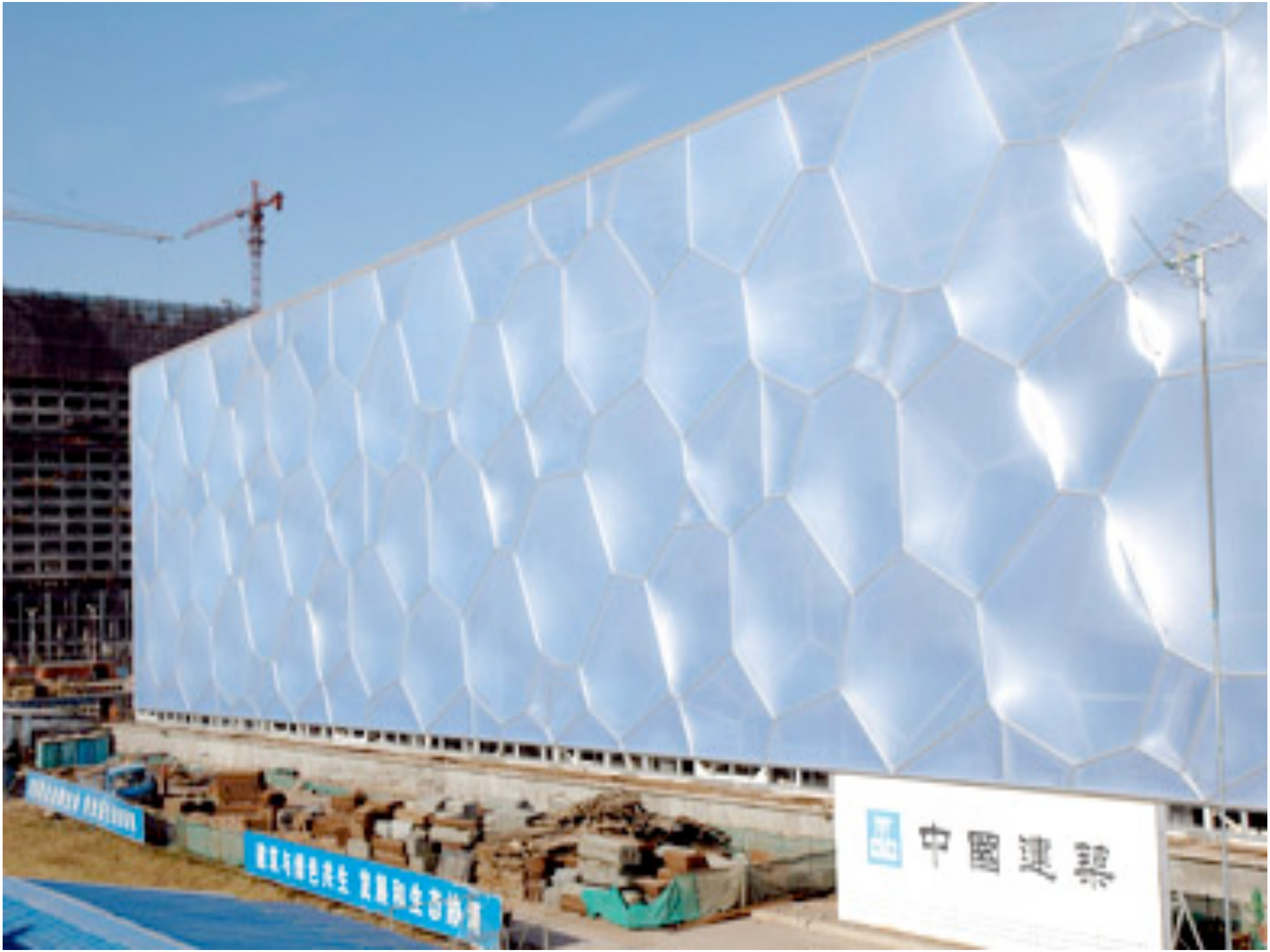
Conceptual Wave Park
1-2 miles offshore
Magnetic Shaft
anchored to
sea floor
Electric Coil
secured to
heaving buoy
Permanent Magnet
Linear Generator Buoy
Source: Nicolle Rager Fuller, NSF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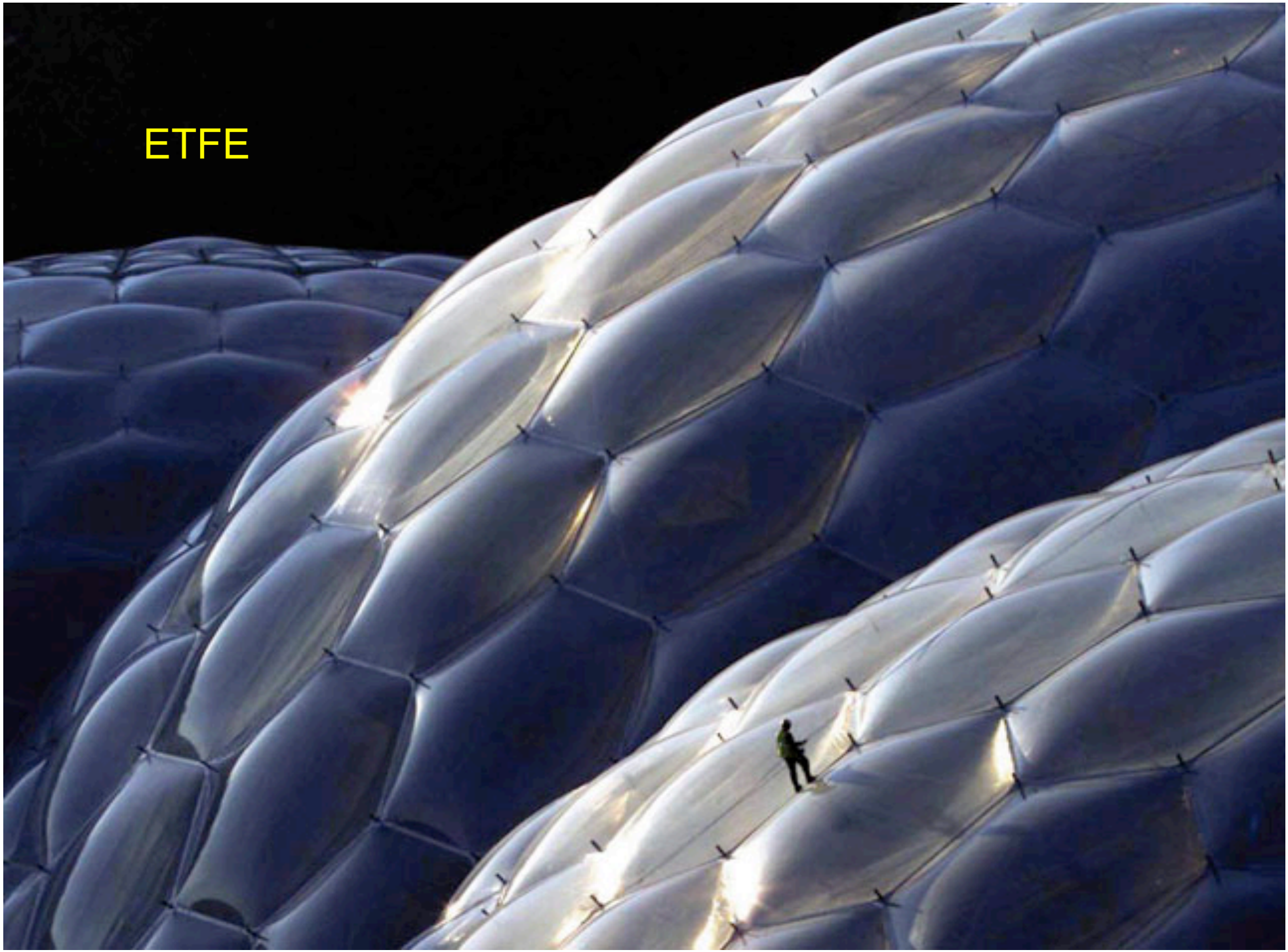
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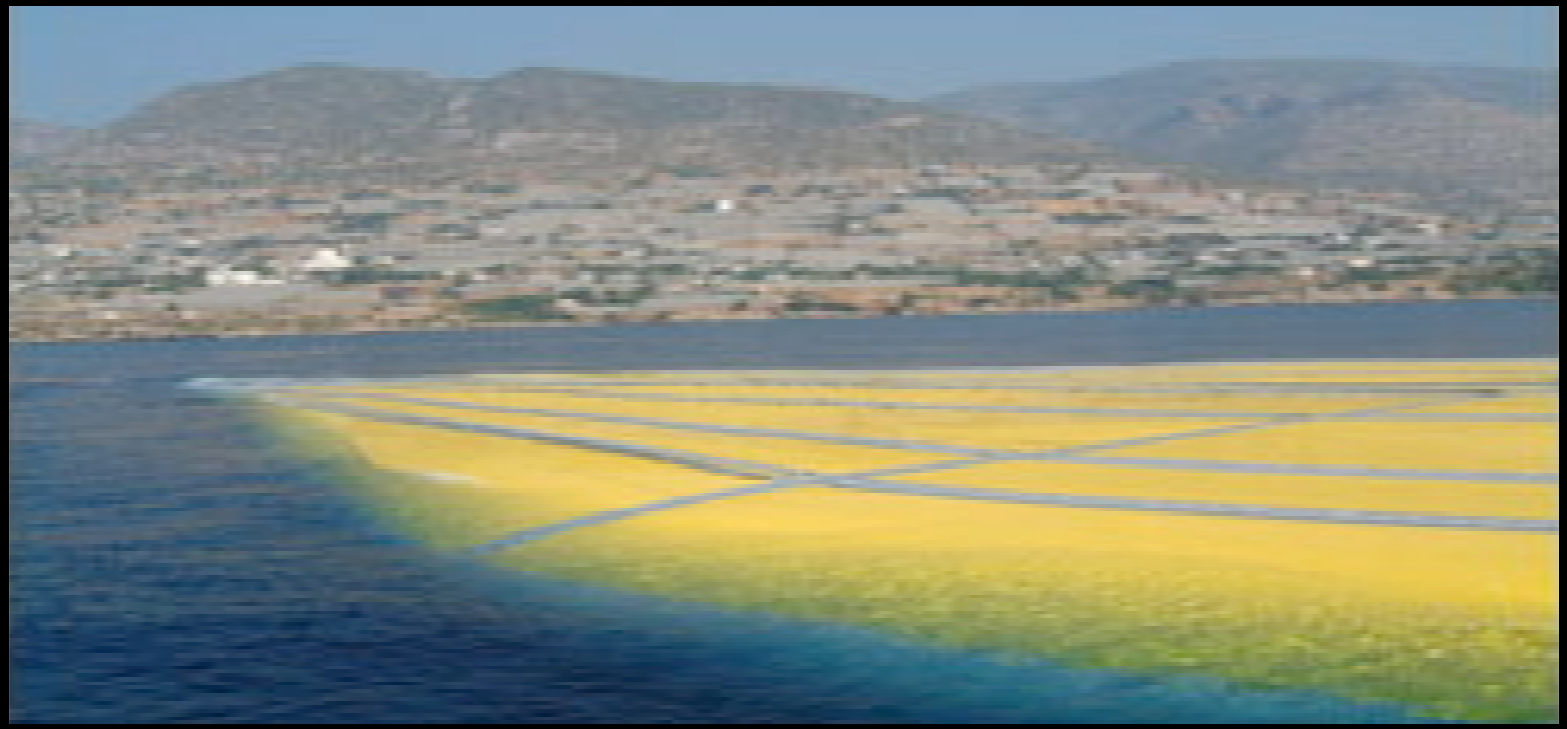
OMEGA Logistics
•Biology
•Engineering
•Environment
•Economics

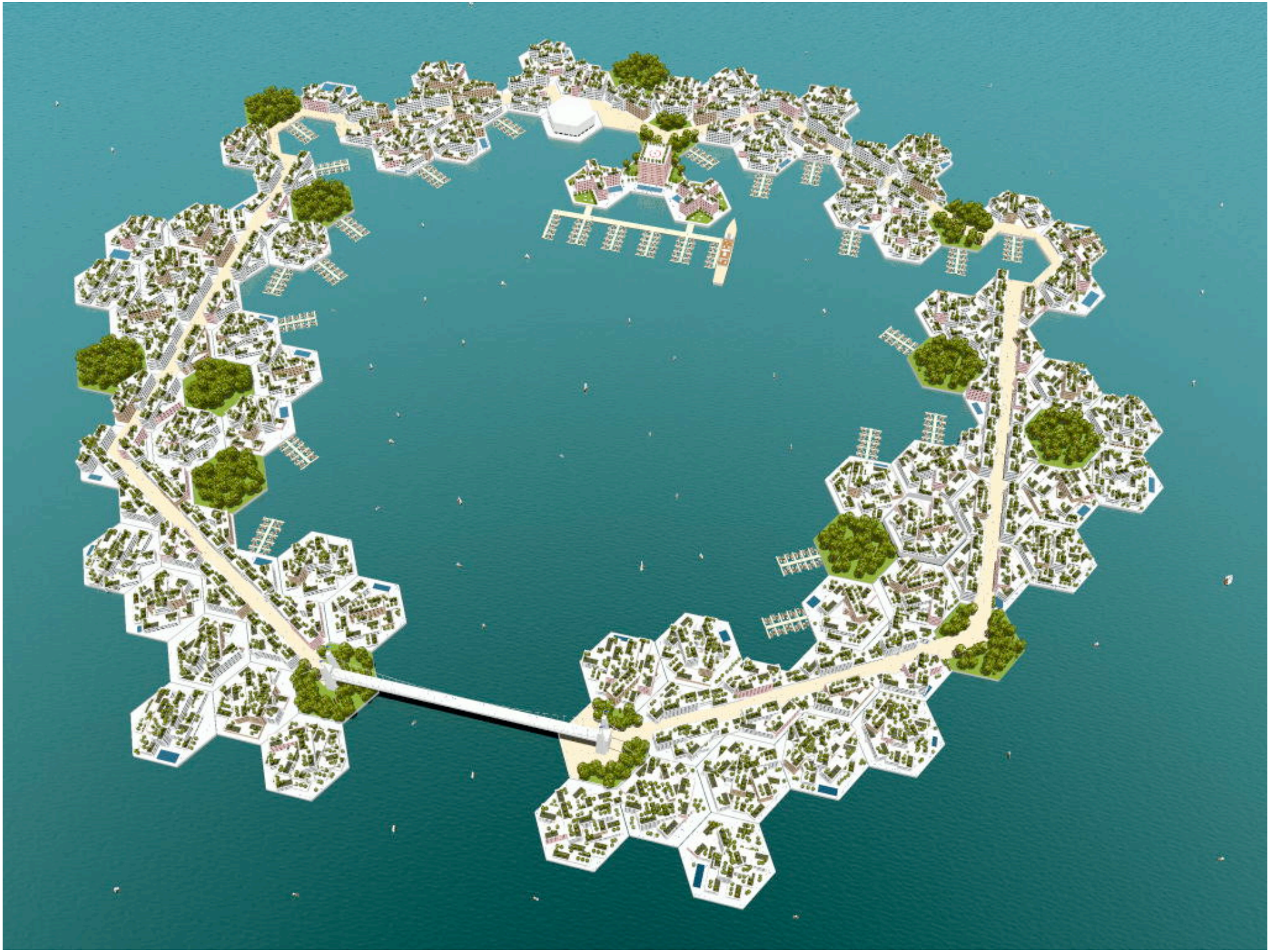

Come to the edge, he said.
We're afraid, they said.
Come to the edge, he said.
He pushed them…
And they flew…
Apollonaire



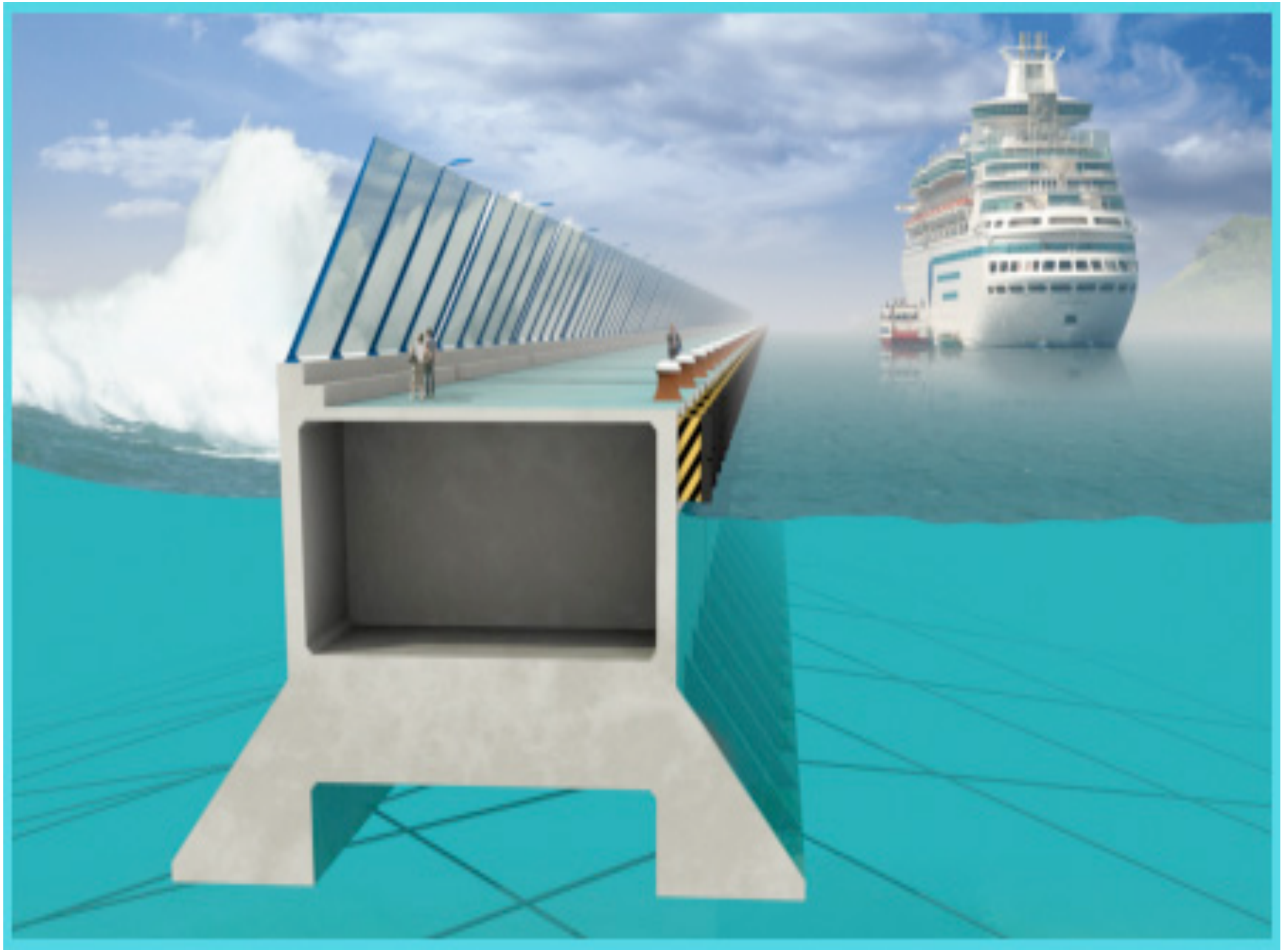
How much energy does it take to move big structures in water?


How realistic is OMEGA?


FREEDOM SHIP




Are we up to the engineering challenge?

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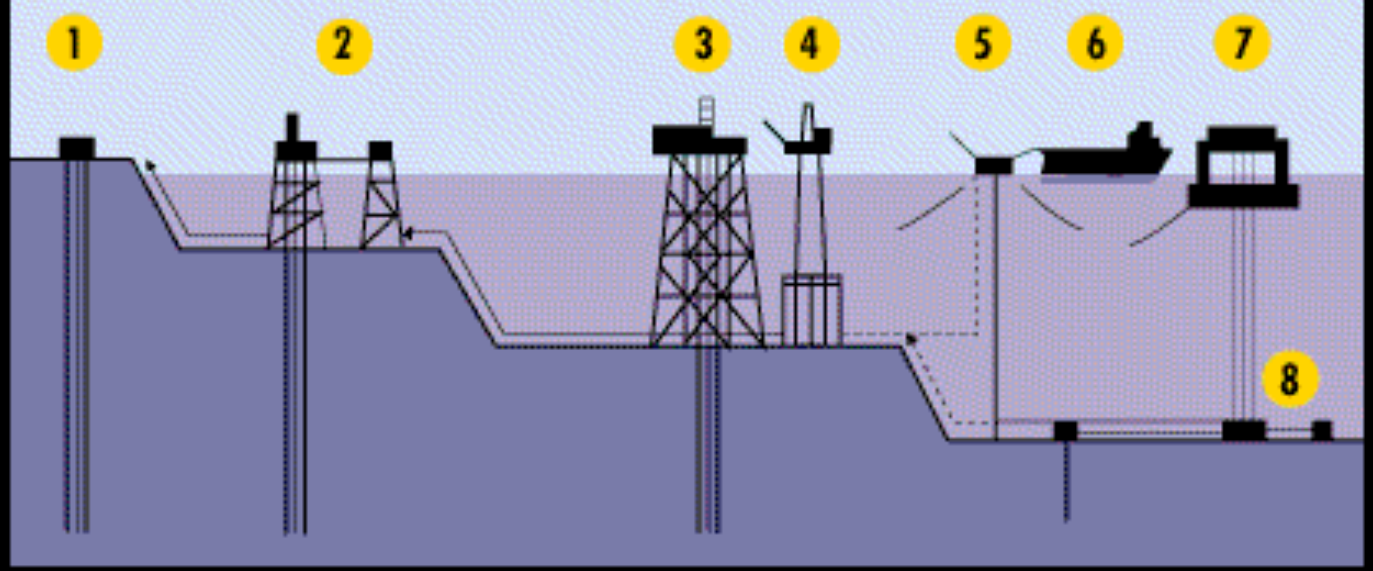
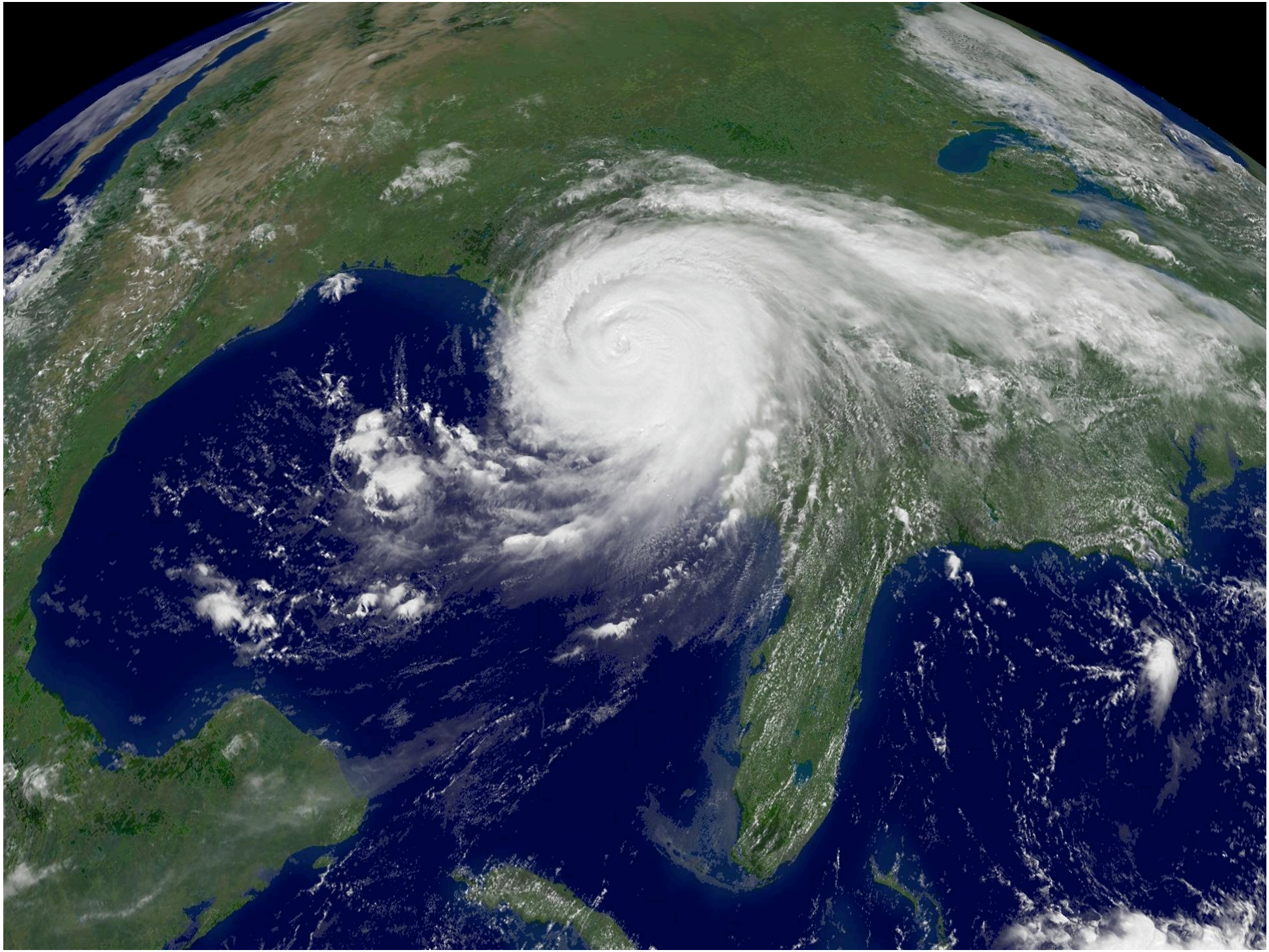
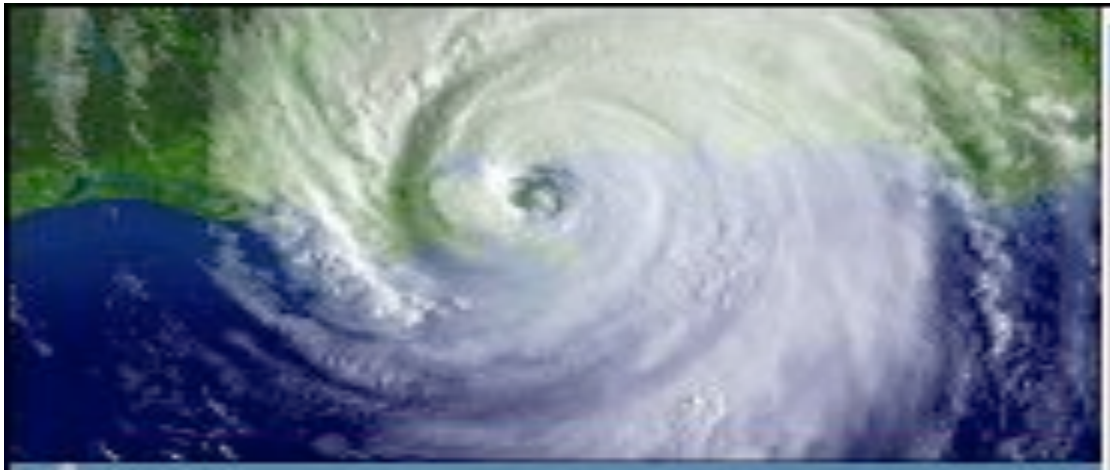
Types of drilling stations

1. ONSHORE WELL
2. OFFSHORE, FIXED, MULTI PLATFORMS
3. OFFSHORE, FIXED, SELF-CONTAINED PLATFORMS
4. OFFSHORE, SELF-CONTAINED, CONCRETE GRAVITY PLATFORMS
5. OFFSHORE, FLOATING, SINGLE-POINT MOORING
6. STORAGE/SHUTTLE TANKER
7. OFFSHORE, FLOATING, TENSION LEG PLATFORMS
8. SUBSEA MANIFOLDS







REFINERIES SHUT

Shut refineries ('000 bpd*)

	Shut oil ('000 bpd*)	Shut natural gas (MMcfd**)
Anadarko	20.0	–
Kerr-McGee	50.0	–
Apache	64.0	500.0
ExxonMobil	44.0	300.0
Marathon	18.5	24.9
Shell	420.0	1,345.0

* Barrels per day
** Million cubic feet per day

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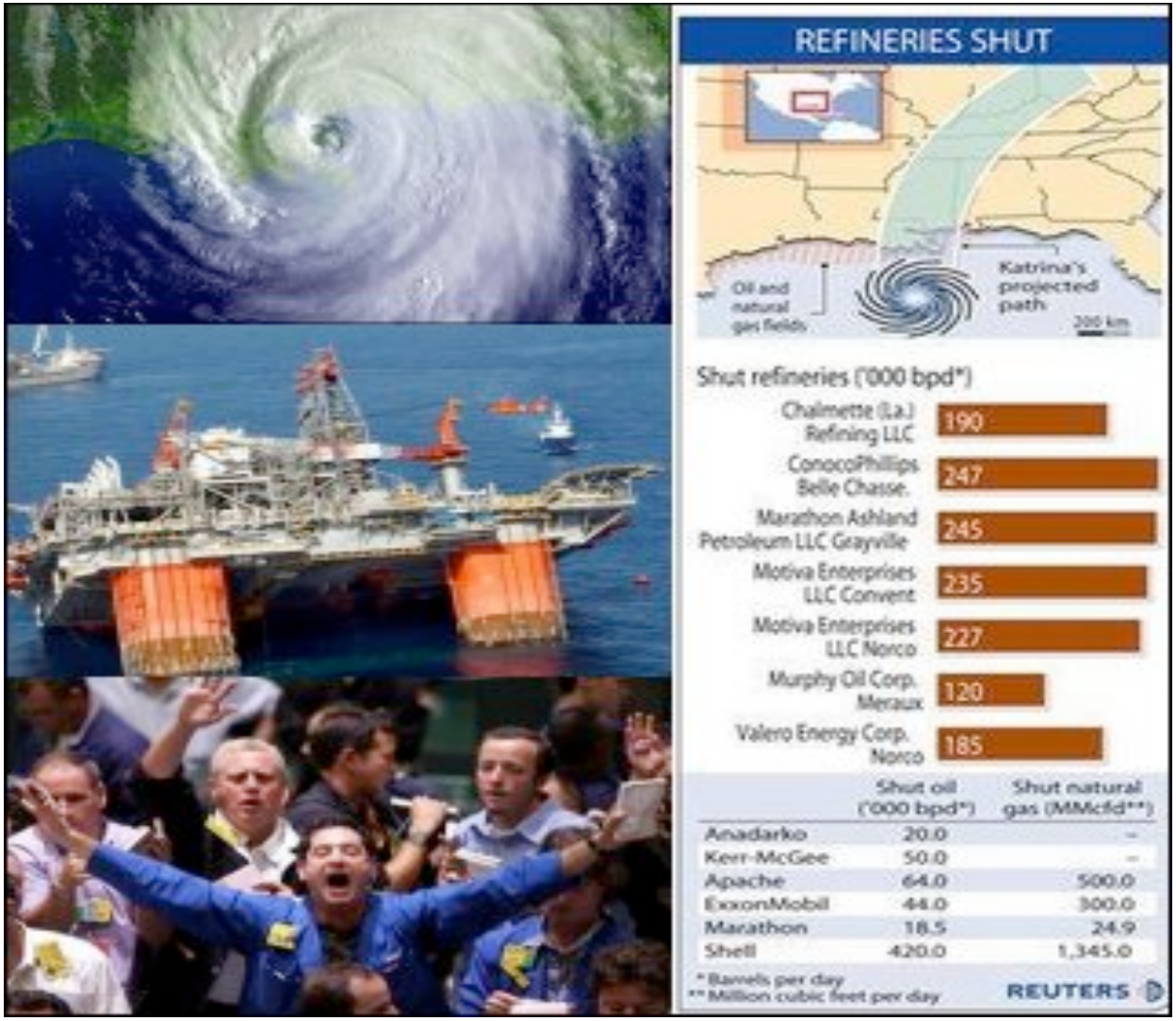


** 15 production facilities significant damaged.*

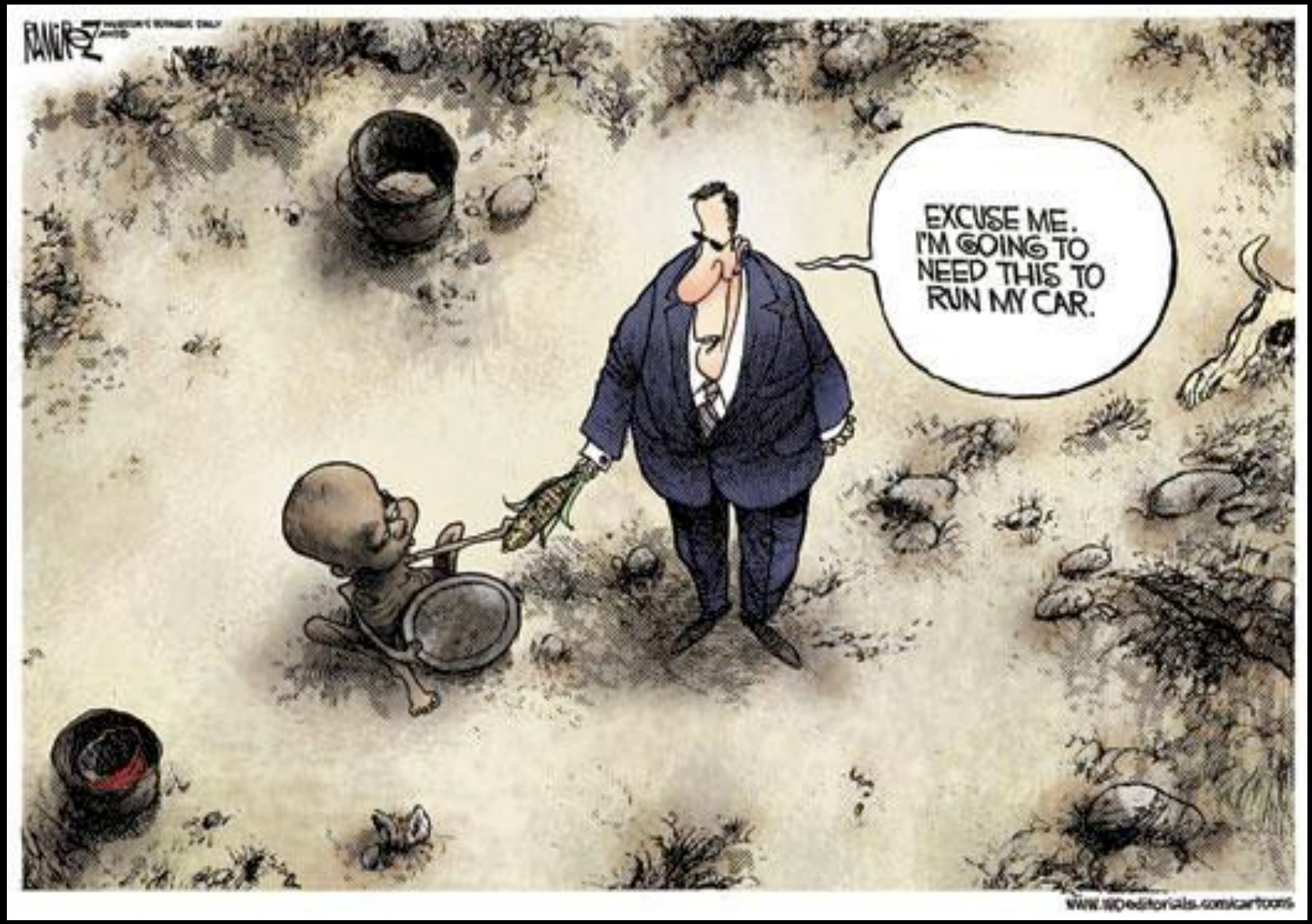
** Four accounted for nearly all delayed production.*

** Repair time estimates: 3 to 6 months.*


Are we up to the OMEGA challenges?
•Biology
•Engineering
•Environment
•Economics

URS & OMEGA?


Sustainability?
Population
Affluence
Species
Technology
Our future?



Failure is not an option…

The stone age didn't end
because we ran out of stones… Yamani

There is no limit to what you can accomplish
If you don't care who gets the credit... Truman

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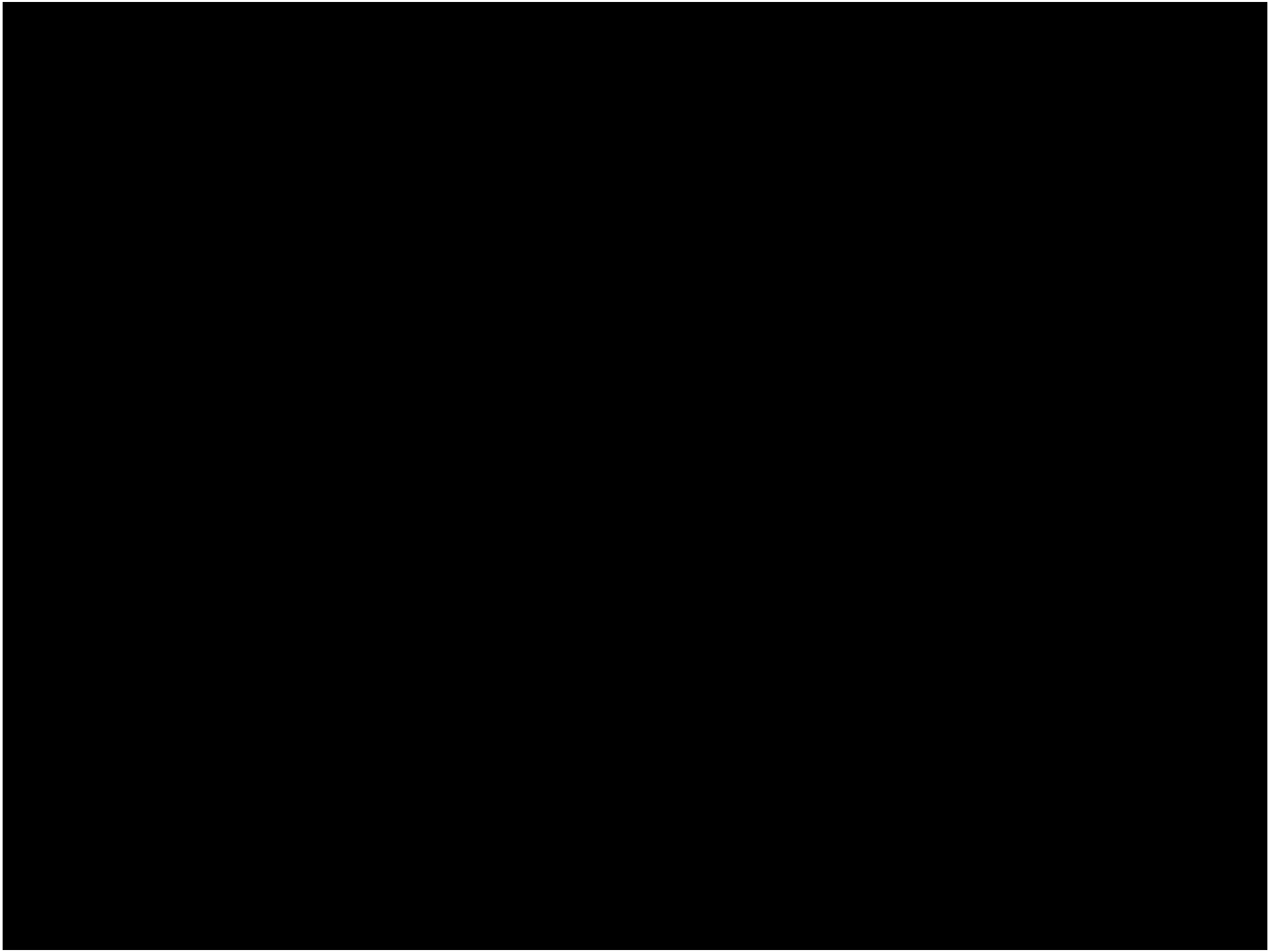

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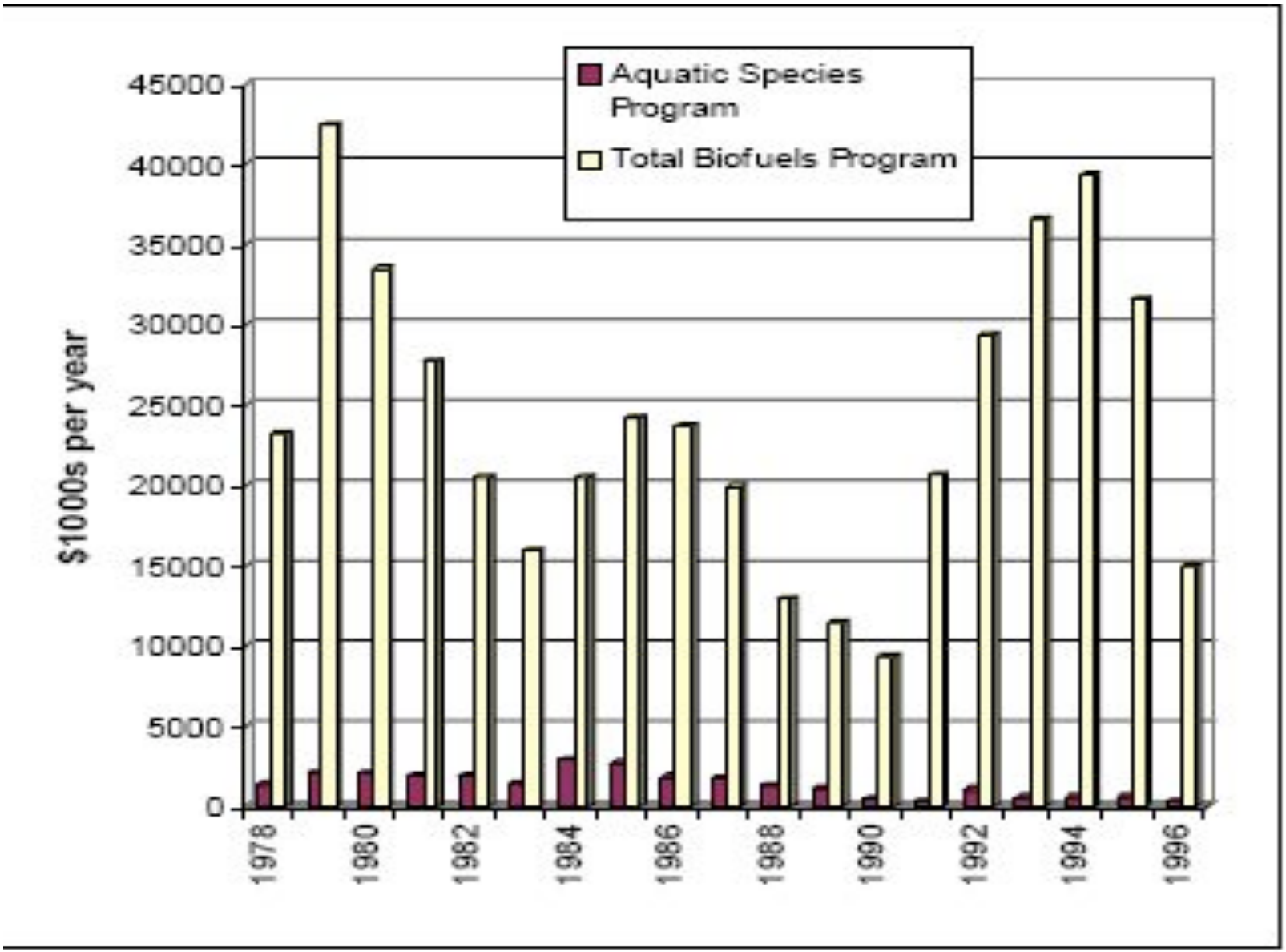


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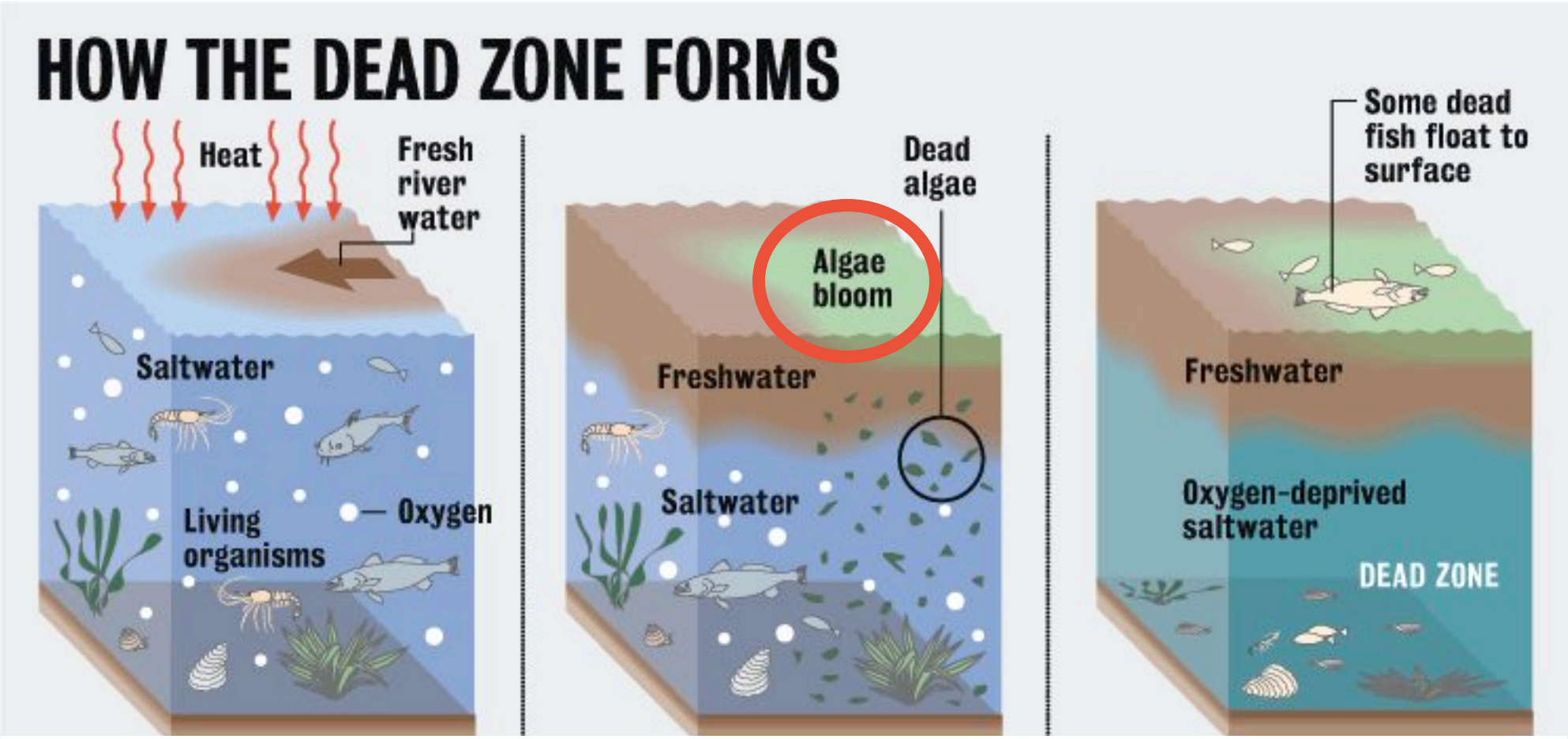
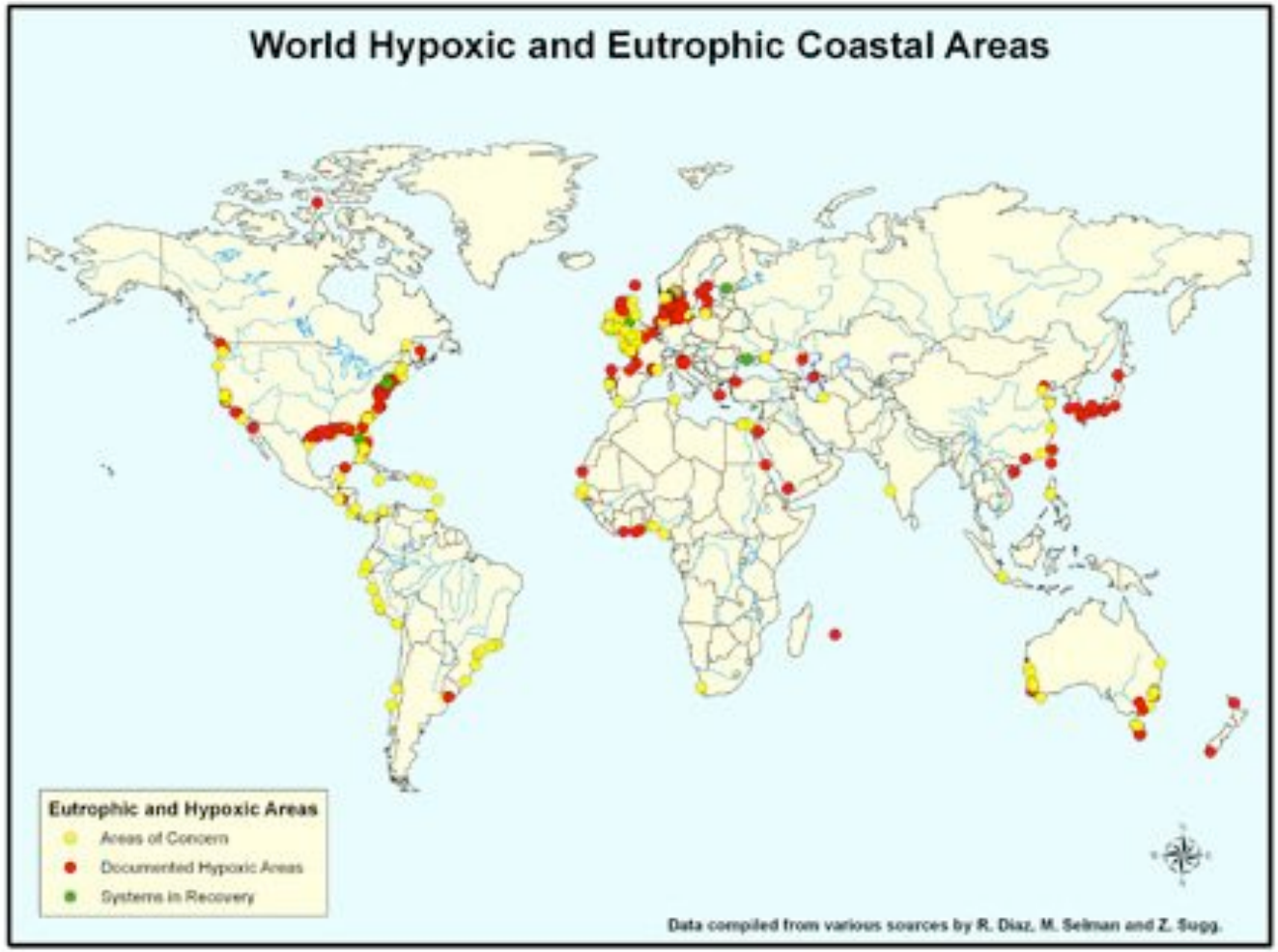


Fertilizer runoff

Stratified water column

Suffocation

Dead Zones 2008



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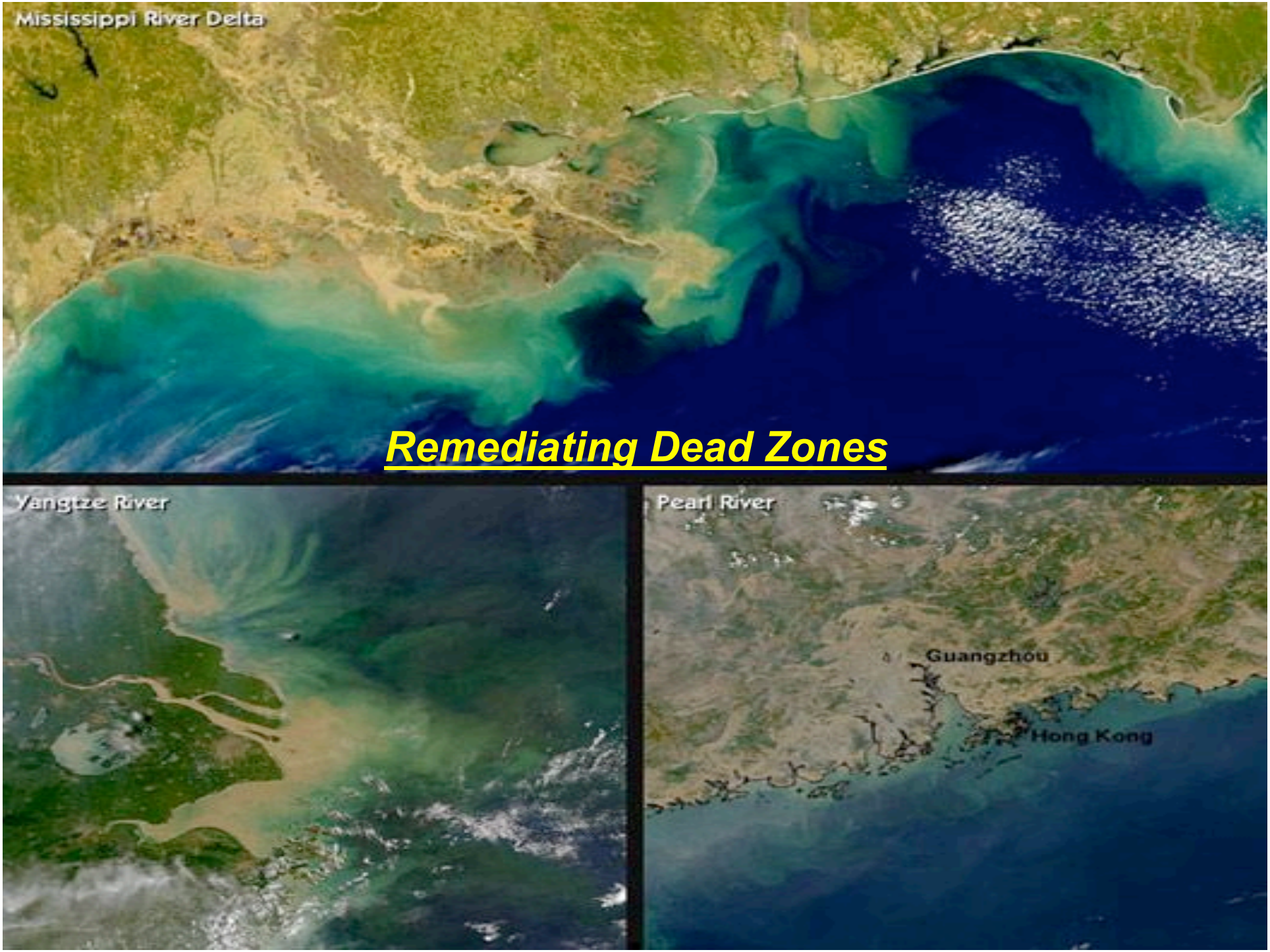
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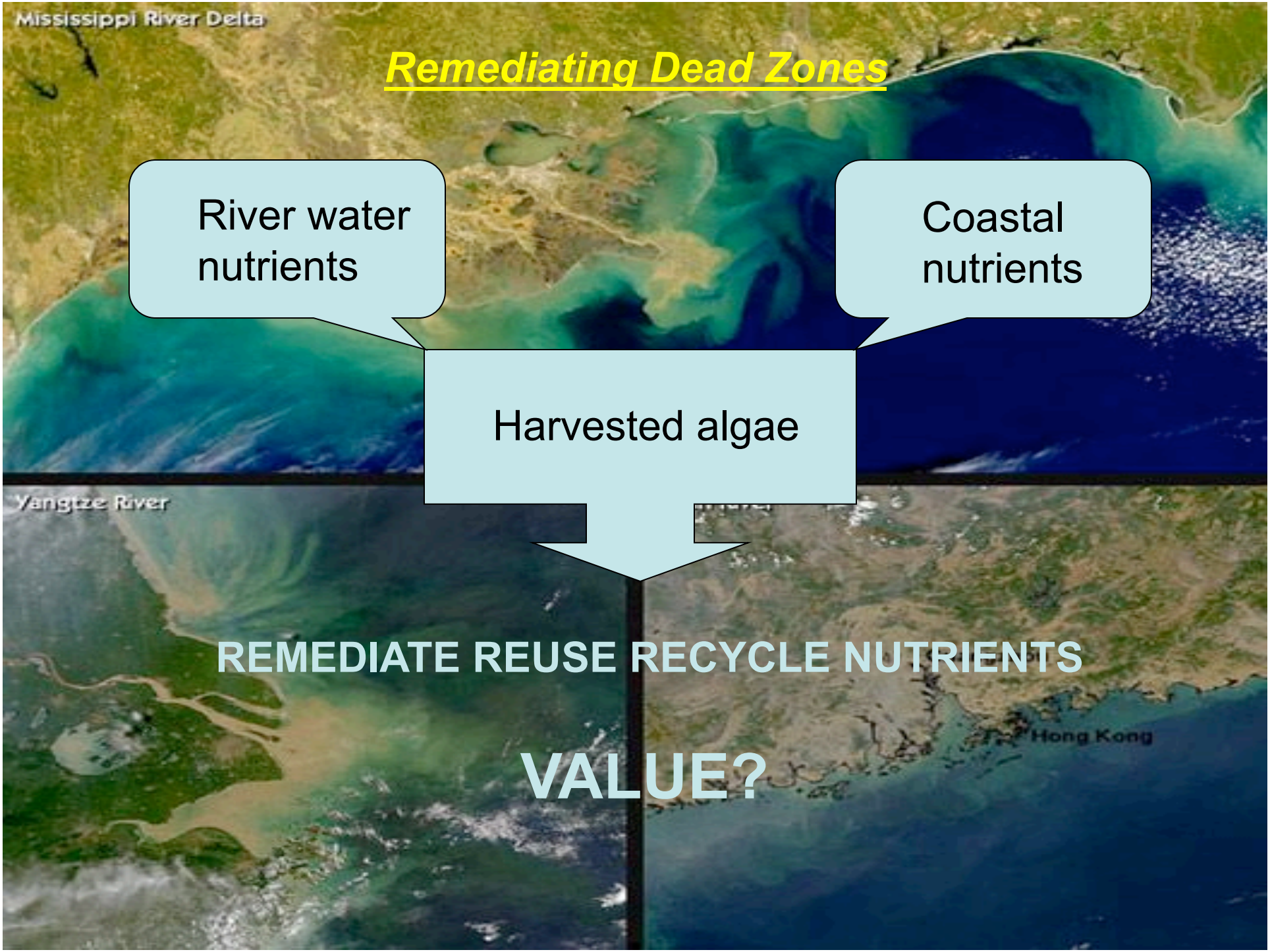
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